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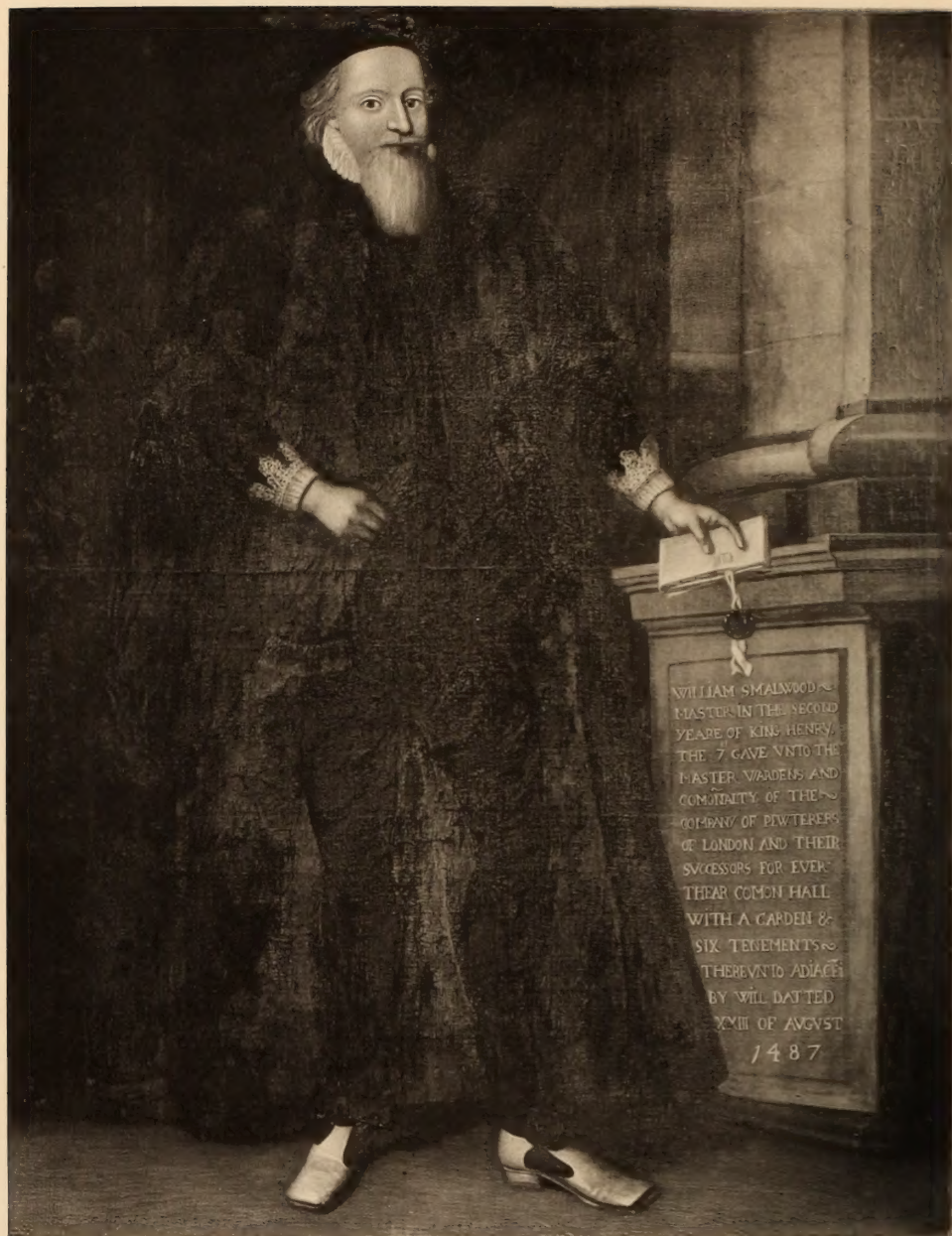
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The Worshipful Company
of Pewterers
OF THE CITY OF LONDON

BASED UPON THEIR OWN RECORDS

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TO THE MASTER,
WARDENS, AND COURT OF ASSISTANTS, OF
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF PEWTERERS
THIS HISTORY OF THEIR ANCIENT GUILD, DERIVED
CHIEFLY FROM THEIR OWN RECORDS, IS
DEDICATED WITH MUCH RESPECT
BY THE AUTHOR.



INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this work, compiled at the request of the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and printed at their direction, is to exhibit the history of the Company from the records now or formerly in their possession. The materials for this purpose are fortunately abundant. The Company exercised control over one of the most important industries in the country, and they were consequently fostered and controlled by more Royal Charters and legislative enactments than were the great majority of the City Companies. The Company's records are well preserved, and nearly continuous from an early date, although Pewterers' Hall has, unfortunately, more than once been destroyed by fire.

In the following pages the records tell their own tale, every line of them has been read, and it is believed that every fact material to the history of the Company and its trade has been extracted in faithful reproduction from the originals. Superfluous comment has been avoided, and information from printed sources very sparingly introduced in order to do justice to this immense wealth of material. The arrangement is strictly chronological, and it is hoped that the illustrative remarks are introduced sufficiently to present a connected story. The exhaustive index will largely supply the defects inevitably attaching to the chronological method. The advantages of such a plan far outweigh

its defects. Besides the gradual unfolding of the Company's history from its infancy to the period of its fullest development, sharp contrasts are afforded by comparing its condition at different periods, and points of less importance but yet possessing interest in themselves, may also be traced, such as variations in orthography, style, and methods of minuting and keeping accounts.

In one respect alone the records are disappointing. They do not include any register of makers' marks, nor do the Accounts contain receipts for registration fees. It is probable, therefore, that this registration was of the simplest character, and consisted merely of impressing the maker's mark upon the "touch-plates" at Pewterers' Hall. Most of the early marks are very small, and contain only the maker's initials, thus making it impossible to identify the mark with certainty, although the list of members of the Company extends back to the middle of the fifteenth century.

The earliest information of importance respecting the Company is found in their Ordinances for the year 1348, in the middle of the long reign of Edward III. The Company is described as the Craft of Pewterers, and the Ordinances deal exclusively with matters relating to the trade. In the ancient oath, which bears every evidence of being at least as old as these Ordinances, there is associated with the Craft the Brotherhood of the Assumption of Our Lady. The main object of the regulations of 1348 was to enforce a high standard of quality and workmanship upon makers of English pewter, a reputation for which it has ever since been the great aim of the Company to maintain. Another early Ordinance for the regulation of the trade was approved by the Court of Aldermen on the 30th of March, 1438. This was followed, six years later, by an Order of the Common Council granting the Company the right to purchase one-fourth part of all the tin brought up for sale to London.

In 1451, the series of Audit Books begins, and opens to us a mine of valuable information. The Accounts were extremely simple at this

early period, the receipts consisting chiefly of fees paid for admission to the Craft, fines, payments for quarterage, and gifts and bequests. The total receipts for 1451-2 were 39*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* The payments amounted to 46*s.* 11*d.*, and included money given to alms-men, expenses of attendance in the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Processions to Westminster, and of attendance at the Grey Friars on their annual election day, which was the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The Hall of another great monastery, that of the Austin Friars, was used with its offices for the great annual feast, and for the ordinary business of the Fellowship.

The need of State protection and authority was soon felt, to enable the governing body to supervise with effect all matters connected with the trade, the concerns of its members, and the control or prohibition of foreign imports. Both Parliament and the King himself were approached with a view of obtaining such powers in 1461-2, soon after Edward IV's accession to the throne. The usual methods of promoting legislation in those days, namely, by handsome gifts to high officers of State and their subordinate officials, were freely employed by the Pewterers, but, as it appears, without much success until 1473. In this year, the thirteenth of his reign, Edward IV granted the Company their first charter, containing licence to Peter Bishop, William Large and Thomas Langtoft, the then Master and Wardens of the Craft, to found to the honour of God and of the Virgin Mary, a fraternity or perpetual guild of one Master, two Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mistery of Pewterers.

Besides the legal benefits of incorporation thus secured, the Company was granted the important right of search for false wares, not only within the City and suburbs, but throughout all England, and the King's officers were enjoined to give them every assistance for this purpose. These extended powers resulted in the addition to the ranks of the Company of many country pewterers, who were hospitably entertained when their business brought them to London. The Company took its part with the other Guilds in the various municipal duties and ceremonials, as well as

by contributing their full quota in all contributions of money or men required by various monarchs from the City of London. A confirmatory Charter was granted to them by Edward IV on 14th April, 1478.

The Company now took measures to provide themselves with a Hall, and after inspecting various sites, selected that on which the Hall now stands in Lime Street. The building appears to have been commenced in 1475, but was not finished till twenty years later. From the description of its various apartments found in the Inventories, it was a building well worthy of the Company, and attached to it was a garden with vinery and bowling green. The Company were their own builders, employing the necessary workmen and labourers, and purchasing the materials required. The services of Simon Burlingham were engaged as master-builder or architect, and the Beadle of the Company, among his other duties, would seem to have acted as Clerk of the Works. When the Hall was finished, the Company ceased to hold their meetings at the Friaries. The annual religious service was transferred in 1495-6 from the Grey Friars to the Church of All-Hallows, Lombard Street, and the annual banquet and other festivities now took place at the Hall, where the business of the Company was also transacted, thus no longer necessitating the use of apartments at the Austin Friars.

The Yeomanry, or Freemen, had a separate organisation of their own, under a Master and three Wardens chosen from the Livery of the Company. With this was united, as in the Company itself, a religious association. It was known as the Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel, the annual festival of which was also held in the Church of All-Hallows, Lombard Street.

In 1503-4 the Company succeeded in procuring an important Act of Parliament giving them much-needed powers for the suppression of abuses in the trade, one of its clauses providing that all Pewterers should put their mark or "touch" upon their goods. This statute, with some amending and confirmatory Acts, continued, for the next three centuries, to be the Company's principal instrument of authority, and was as such

reprinted and widely distributed so late as the year 1741. The Charter of Edward IV was confirmed by Henry VII in 1504-5, and by other Charters of inspeximus granted by Henry VIII, Philip and Mary, and Queen Elizabeth. An important general Act was also passed in the year 1503-4, forbidding any of the Companies to make ordinances or bye-laws until their draft had been approved by certain high officers of state on behalf of the Crown. The Pewterers' Company accordingly submitted their bye-laws for confirmation in 1522. This important document embraces the whole constitution of the Company, including its trade control and internal organisation.

It is impossible to allude to more than a few of the points of interest in which the period covered by this Volume abounds. The Company possessed a grant of arms in 1473, the date of their incorporation, as appears from their seal. The grant was confirmed by Thomas Benolt, Clarendieux King of Arms, on 26th May, 1533. This document is well preserved, but the earlier grant or grants have unfortunately disappeared. The alteration in the religious observances of the Company at the Reformation are of much interest, and are illustrated by the entries in the accounts preceding and following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1537-8. Some of the accounts are very beautifully written, especially those for the years 1551-1569, when Edmund Browne, a very skilful penman, was Clerk of the Company.

The minutes of the Court of Assistants commence in 1551, and from this date a much clearer view of the history and proceedings of the Company is obtainable. In 1557, for the first time, a member of the Pewterers' Company held the office of Lord Mayor. This was Sir Thomas Curtis, whose family had long been connected with the Company, and who served as Sheriff in 1546. Presents were made both to Alderman Curtis and Alderman John Catcher, towards furnishing their houses when they served the office of Sheriff.

Loans were required by the Crown from an early period, and the method of assessing that of 1558 for Queen Mary caused much

discontent. Personal service was also demanded both (1) for pageants, when a deputation well-dressed and well-mounted attended on horseback, and whiffers were furnished from the Yeomanry to keep the streets clear from the crowd; and (2) for the wars, when detachments drawn from the Yeomanry were fitted out by the Company fully equipped with clothing and arms. A store of armour was kept at the Hall, and the services of an Armourer employed to keep it in good condition.

The Court of Assistants appears to have had its origin in 1560, when all past Masters and Wardens were appointed to sit with the Master and Wardens to give their advice. A severe Plague visitation occurred in 1563, when the Company's searches had to be abandoned.

In 1564, a Code of Ordinances is entered in a book presented by William Curtis, an influential member of the Company. It is interesting to compare these provisions with the earlier Bye-Laws of 1522. The long roll of the Company's charters is explained by the pressure put upon them to procure a renewal of their "Corporation" at the beginning of each new reign. On the accession of Queen Elizabeth they were served with a *Quo Warranto* to compel them to renew their charter. In 1575, the Company was again threatened with a writ of *Quo Warranto* from the Queen, which they sought to avert by a timely gift from their funds. They were, however, burdened with heavy legal costs in conducting their defence.

The Company employed any balance in their hands in the purchase of tin, which they sold to their members at a slight profit. A Christmas gift of money was made in 1564 to the Lord Mayor. This afterwards became an annual present of two, three or four pounds. Similar presents were made to the Speaker and great Officers of State when the Company were seeking legislative powers or protection.

The term Livery first appears in use about 1564, taking the place of the olden term "Clothing," by which the higher class of members were distinguished. The Liveryman's fine in 1568 was twenty shillings, besides his spoon. The Company thus became possessed of a goodly show of plate. Freedom by Redemption first occurs under that name in 1587.

The Company were often asked by noblemen and others to admit various persons to their membership on favourable terms. In 1586 the famous Sir Walter Raleigh asked such a favour on behalf of one Isaac Tucker. Many instances occur of the admission to the Brotherhood of persons not connected with the trade. Among these were Lord William Howard, the Lord Chamberlain; Mr. Stukeley, who, with his wife, was a benefactor to the Company; and an ecclesiastic, Sir Peter Warryson, who was in due course nominated for the office of Warden.

Both journeymen and apprentices were kept strictly under their master's surveillance, and were not allowed to be away on Sunday until after Evensong, and then not to engage in unlawful sports. Apprentices were to be bound for at least seven years, and often for longer terms, extending to nine or ten years. Apprentices and even journeymen were punished by whipping for various offences. This was usually inflicted in the Hall and in open Court. Members of the Company were forbidden to go to law with each other, and the minute books are largely taken up with the settlement of disputes and adjudication upon complaints among members, or among masters and their workmen and apprentices. The disputants were often sentenced to dine or sup together, accompanied by their wives.

Fines for bad metal or workmanship were impartially inflicted upon all, not excepting the Master and Wardens. If money could not be obtained, the Company distrained on tools, ware, or even dress and livery gown. A frequent punishment was an order to the offender to alter his "touch." He was sometimes sentenced, if a liveryman, to be deprived of his hood, thus losing the privileges of the livery.

The prices of food and other necessities are fully illustrated from the Audit Books, and the accounts for the years when the Hall was building give interesting information as to the cost of labour and materials.

Besides their annual religious festival in August, on the day of the Assumption, the Company attended the Lord Mayor at St. Paul's many times during the year. The religious services almost wholly disappeared after the Reformation; the obits survived only in their charitable provision for the poor.

The Hall was a real centre of the craftsmen's daily life. They were to attend in cleanly apparel and without their aprons. Amusements were allowed, but games of chance, *e.g.*, shove-groat, strictly forbidden. The Hall was let out for weddings and dinners to outsiders, and furnished a source of income to the Company. An Italian exhibited here a wonderful castle in 1570. Attached to the Hall was a bowling-alley and a fine garden with an arbour, vine, and rose trees.

The annual election banquet was attended by all, including the poorest of the Yeomanry, with their wives also. After the dinner was a pageant for which "play pence" were collected. A sword-player's services were sometimes engaged. The Quarter-Day dinners were attended only by the Livery. The Yeomanry had their own festival at Michaelmas. A curious light is thrown on the election customs by an entry, on page 267, forbidding the members or their wives to go to the newly-elected master's house, unless specially invited. Burials were attended by the members of the Company, and were generally followed by a feast.

The trade regulations were very numerous and strictly enforced. Great trouble was occasioned to the Company by tinkers and hawkers, whom they found it very hard to suppress. Tin was forbidden to be bought or sold without cloff (rough metal), nor with more than a due proportion of "peak."

The suspected metal seized by the Company in their searches was brought to the Hall, where vats, melting bellows, and other appliances were kept for testing its quality. If found to be below standard it was mostly forfeited, and sold as inferior or "lay" metal to the Master and

Wardens for the time being, who were privileged to buy it. The amount realised was divided equally between the Crown and the Company. All bad ware or metal was marked with the Broad Arrow-head. Gilding pewter was strictly prohibited, as was also the letting out of new vessels to hire. The selling price of pewter ware at shops, as well as at fairs and markets, was also fixed by the Company.

The matters dealt with in Volume II will be treated of in the Introduction to that Volume.

The following is the plan adopted in the preparation of the work. The year is taken according to the modern reckoning from January 1st to December 31st, instead of from March 25th, the old New Year's Day; each year therefore, previous to the reformation of the Calendar in 1752, has a double date. Thus the year 1451-2 comprises 1st January-24th March, 1451, and 25th March-31st December, 1452. Complete extracts from the records are indicated by printing the first word or words in heavy type, shorter extracts being shown by quotation-marks. The events and transactions of each year, taken (after 1550) chiefly from the Court Minute Books, are in strict chronological sequence, an entry without date being of the date of that immediately preceding it. Following the last entry in December are the extracts from the Audit Books for the year. These accounts run from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, and so begin and end three months earlier than the yearly period covered by the rest of the entries. Whilst the Court Minute Books and the Audit Books form the main sources of information, valuable and interesting facts are occasionally supplied by the Yeomanry Accounts, the Book of Inventories, the Tin Ledgers, and other records. These occasional entries are inserted in proper order of date, and the source from which they are taken is specified in every instance.

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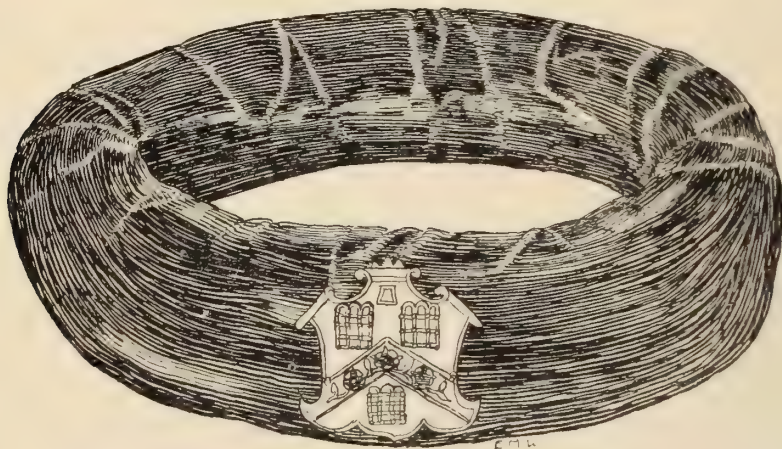
CHAPTER I.

The Craft or Fellowship.

THE materials for a history of the Pewterers' Company are fortunately abundant, and lie for the most part in the Company's own possession. They include a roll of accounts known as Audit Books, complete from the year 1451 to the present day, lists of liverymen from the same date, Orders of Court beginning in 1551, Yeomanry accounts from 1495, and a long and well-preserved series of Charters granted by various sovereigns from Edward III to Anne. Among the more ancient books is a volume of ordinances which seems to have been known as the Jury Book (for swearing officials and new members), and was presented to the Craft by Robert Chamberlain and Cicely his wife in 1463, as the following entry on folio 9b shows:—

Be hit had in mynde that Robert Chamburlyayn Citezen and peuterer of london and Cecile his wyfe zafe his boke in to þe Crafte of peuterers in the worschep of god and þe assumpcōn of oure lady to be prayde fore euer ppetually. The xj day of august in the zere of oure lorde m. cccclxiij. And in the þirde zere of the reigne of kyng Edward the foureth. Also þe sayde Roberd & Cecile zafe on þe sayde day iij Garlondis vnto þe worship & chesying of þe wardeynes of þe sayde Craft & on ther of ys I Garneshit w^t syluer and þe armes of þe Craft þer on.

1348. In this ancient volume are the original ordinances drawn up by the men of the Craft in 1348 and submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen for their approval. The draft was approved and ordered to be entered on the City books. Here, in Letter Book F folio 155, the document duly appears in Latin and Norman French according to the ancient custom of the City, and an English translation is given by



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlain in 1463.

Mr. H. T. Riley in his "Memorials of London."* The copy preserved in the Company's records is chosen for printing as the more interesting version, being a quaint specimen of early English, and hitherto unknown.

Ordinaunces of the crafte of pewtreres entird in the boke of ff. the Clv. lef To the maire and aldermen of the cite of london praien the goode folke makers of peauter vessel of the saide cite that ye please the state and pointes of her crafte to tender & vppon the defawtes for the comun profite by gode discrecion to ordeine redresse & amende & to ordeine the pointes couenable by the peple that ben connyng in the saide crafte to be wel holdon and kepte.

First for as moche os the crafte of peutereres is founded vppon certeine maters & metales as of brasse tyn & lede in pte of the wheche iij

* 1868, pp. 241-244.

Expert
pewterers to
oversee and
assay all
wares.

metals they make vessel that is to saie pottes salers dysslies platers and othir things by good folke be spoken wheche werkes aske certeine medles & alayes aftir the maner of the uessels be spoken which thinges can not be made withoute goode auisement of the peuterere experte and kunnyng in the crafte. Therevppon the crafte goode folk of the crafte praien that it be ordeined that iij or iiij moste trew & cumnyng of the crafte be chosen to ouersee the alayes and werkes aforsaide. And bi thaire examinacion and asay amendement to be made where the defaute is hastely vppon the dede and if any be rebel ayenst the wardeins or assaiours þan the defaute and the name of the trespassour rebelle to be sente to the maire and to be iuged in the presence of the goode folke of the Crafte that have take the defaute.

Standard
for fine
pewter and
for vessels
of tin.

And be it vnderstonde that al maner vessells of peauter as disshes Saucers platers Chargeours pottes square Cruettes square Crismatories and othir thinges that they make square or Cistils that they be made of fyne peauter and the mesure of Brasse to the tyn as moche as it wol receiue of his nature of the same and al othir thinges of the saide crafte that be wrozte as pottes rounde that perteine to the crafte to be wrouzte of tyn with an alay of lede to a resonable mesure and the mesure of the alay of an C tyn is xxvj. lb. lede. and that is called vessells of tyn for euer.

Qualifica-
tions for
admission.

Also that non entermete of the Crafte aforsaide but if he be sworne afore the goode folke of the crafte to wirke treuly aftir þe pointes ordeined as he that hathe ben aprentice or othir wise treu workeman known and asaid among hem. And that non reseiuue aprentice ayenst the vse of the Citee. And tho that be receyued to be enrolled aftir the vse of the same Cite.

Appren-
tices.

Also that non persone ne estraunger wrik ne bere suche maner vessel of peauter in þe Cite to sel ne it put to sale afore the mater be assaid oppon perile of forfarture of the marchandice if the mater be suffrable be the assais of the wardenis that merchandice to be solde for suche as it is and non othir wise.

None to sell
ware in the
City before
it is assayed
by the
Wardens.

And that non of the saide craft wrik preueli in hid placis vessells of lede nor of fals alay for to selle oute of the cite atte faires or markettes for esclaunder to the cite and harme and esclaunder of the goode folk of the saide crafte but be suche thinges þ' shulbe sent to sale oute of the cite by the wardeines of the craft asaide afore they be had out of the citee

None to
send ware
out of the
City for sale
until it be
first assayed.

by the wardeins of the craft to sale and þ^t no man wirk *in* the saide Craft but he wol answere for his wirk oppon the asaie of his werk *in* whos handes someuer it be founde And if ani be take henforwarde bering or carying suche wareȝ to sel at faire market or elles where *within* this reame afore it be assaide: And therof be ateint afore the maire and aldermen be he punished bi theire discrecion aftir his trespasse whan he is ateint atthe sute of the goode folke of his craft.

Penalties for dishonest journeymen and apprentices.

Also if any apprentice or allowes be taken doinge harme to his master of x d. by wey of theft be wey there amendes made to the master bi hym or bi his plegges of the crafte & if he trespasse anothir tyme be he punishid bi the regard of the Craft. And if he trespas the iij. tyme be he put oute of the crafte.

Penalties for bad workmanship.

Also that the person of the saide Craft þat is othir wise take wirkinge *in* the Craft þan is aforesaide. And of that be found culpable bi the assaie atthe first defaute he shal lese þe mater so wroȝte. Atthe secundu defaute he shal lese the mater and be punishid by the discrecion of the maire and aldermen atthe iij tyme if he be taken trespassinge he shalbe foringed of the crafte for euermore.

None to work at night.

Also the goode folk of the crafte ben acorded that non be so hardi to wirk by nyȝt no werk of peauter be cause it is regarded amonge thaim that the vew of the night is not so profitable ne certen as is of the day to the comen profit.

Penalties for breaking above rules.

Also that any of the saide craft be take *in* defaute *in* any of the pointes aforesaide he shal pai atthe first defaute xl. d. and atthe secundu default vj s. viij d. And atthe iij defaute to be done of him aftir the discrecion of the maire and Aldermen and that of tho paymentis that one half be geuen to the chamber for to maintene the wardeines and that othir half to the wardeins of the craft for theire trauaile and expensis.

No man to entice away another's workman.

Also that none of the crafte grete ne smale purloine othirs allowes ayenst thassente & wille of his first mastir afore he haue fulli serued his terme aftir the couenante by twene hem made & that the saide alows haue made agree *with* his maister of the trespasses and mysprises to him don if he haue ani thinge trespassed ayenst hym by the discrecions of the wardeins of the crafte. And he that dothe ayenst this ordinance to be punished aftir the discrecion of the maire and aldermen,

Nonetotake
a workman
who has not
been ap-
prenticed or
is not other-
wise com-
petent.

Also that non of the craft grete ne smale be so hardi to receiue any wirkeman of the craft but if he haue ben apprentice or be a goode wirkeman and suche as may haue witnes of his maister or of othir goode neighborghes to be of goode condicions. And may shew that wele and treuly he hathe serued his maister the tyme assigned by twene hem.

There were chosen and sworne to ouerse and kepe the articles aforesaid that is to witte Stephen le straunge and John Syward peautrers.

In the City books is the following further entry in a later hand. The original is in Latin. "On Thursday next after the Feast of Allhallows [1 November], in the 23rd year of the reign of King Edward the Third, etc. [1349], it was witnessed before Walter Turk, Mayor, and the Aldermen, that Stephen Lestraunge was dead, and that John Syward could not work; wherefore the reputable men of that trade chose Nicholas de Ludgate and Ernald Schipwaysshe, pewterers, who were sworn to keep the articles aforesaid."

The John Syward above mentioned was probably a near relative of Roger Syward, pewterer, whose will, dated 1 November, 1348, was enrolled in the Court of Husting, 20 July, 1349. He lived in the parish of Allhallows, Bread Street, and left his trade implements to any of his sons who was willing to follow his trade. [Cal. of Husting Wills, ed. Sharpe, i., 596.]

The above interesting document shows that the Craft existed in an organised state in the reign of Edward III, the wardens being empowered to receive one half the fines inflicted on offenders against the ordinances. The designation of "The Craft of Pewterers" is the earliest by which the Fellowship is described in the records;* with it was associated the Brotherhood of The Assumption of Our Lady, as appears from the following ancient oath preserved in the "Jury Book":—

† *Þe* schull kepe to 3owre powere well and trewly all the good rewlys of peutrerres Crafte which ben enrolled in the Guylde halle of london and

* The style or title of "Craft of Pewterers" was retained (as appears from the headings of the annual audits) until 1528-9, when it was altered to "Craft or Mystery." In 1546-7, the "Mystery" usurps the place of the "Craft," the style being "Master of the Mistery of Pewterers and Wardens of the same Craft or Mystery." The modern designation of "Company" appears casually in 1542-3, but was first formally adopted in 1569-70, when the style runs "Master of the Companye and Mysterye and Wardens of the same Crafte or Myserie." The terms Mystery and Craft finally disappear in 1611-12, from which date the style is "The Company of Pewterers."

† This oath is crossed through in the original.

This ys
woyde & of
nō effecte.

alle þe good counseles of the seyde Crafte and none of hem discoûe but if it be to the worschip of the Crafte and also ye shall worshep owre bretheren of the peutreres which ben þe bretheren of oure lady and socoure and helpe in euy place so it be not hynderyng to zowre selfe ne to zoure worschep so helpe zou god and holy dam [holy Lady] and by þis boke. kis þe boke.

Although these early ordinances make no mention of the religious Fraternity, the oath, which is probably equally ancient, shows that the Craft and Guild were indissolubly connected. The records show no trace of any separate organisation of the two institutions, the Master and Wardens presiding over both the Guild and the Craft; no evidence is available to determine which of the two associations is the more ancient, or whether they had a simultaneous origin. In 1348, the trade control, which had no doubt been exercised for some time previously in an informal manner, was put upon a legitimate basis by the above Ordinances. The regulations of chief importance are those providing for the assaying of all pewter wares and fixing a standard for each quality. Two classes of ware are described, viz., Fine Pewter, which was a mixture of tin and brass in proportions not very clearly specified, being probably a trade secret; and Vessels of Tin, the alloy for which consisted of 26 lbs. of lead to each cwt. of tin.

These provisions, which head the earliest code of regulations of the Craft, were always most strictly enforced, and show the jealous care with which this ancient Guild secured and maintained the high reputation of English pewter for quality and workmanship. The remaining provisions are very similar to those which were in force in other guilds, but they all relate to trade management and are only incidentally concerned with the internal organisation of the Fellowship. The points comprised are the necessity for apprenticeship* or other technical training; penalties for theft and bad workmanship; and the prohibition of night work, of enticing away another's workmen, and of the employment of unskilled persons.

1351. The City records show that the Craft was not slow to use the powers which they now possessed for maintaining the credit of the trade.

* It will be noticed that previous apprenticeship was not a necessary qualification for admission to the Guild.

On Monday next after the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul [29 June], in the 24th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, etc., 23 measures called "potels," and 20 saltcellars, of pewter, were brought before Walter Turk, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, by the men of the trade of Pewterers; who said that the potels and saltcellars aforesaid were false, and made of false metal by John de Hiltone, "peautrer," here present in court, in deceit of the people, and to the disgrace of the whole trade. And the said John de Hiltone acknowledged that he had made the vessels aforesaid; and that it might be known whether the same vessels were of good and befitting metal or not, order was given to William de Greyngnam, serjeant to summon forthwith before the Mayor and Aldermen, Arnold de Shypwaysshe, Nicholas de Ludgate, John Syward, William de Uptone, John de Arlicheseye and William de Greschirche, Wardens of the Articles of the trade of Pewterers, that they might certify the Mayor and Aldermen, as to the genuineness or falsity of the make of the vessels aforesaid. Who being sworn, after viewing and examining the vessels aforesaid said upon oath, that the greater part of the metal of which the aforesaid potels and saltcellars were made was lead; whereas to one hundredweight of 112 pounds of tin there ought to be added no more than 16 pounds of lead. It was therefore adjudged that the said vessels should be forfeited to the use of the Commonalty.

Afterwards on the Thursday next after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross [14 September] in the 26th year, the said vessels were sold for 19s. 8d. in the time of Andrew Aubrey, Mayor, as appears in the accounts of Thomas de Waldene, the Chamberlain, then next rendered. [Riley, *Memorials*, pp. 259-260. Original in Latin.]

1363. The enforcement of honourable dealing in trade and workmanship was a common aim among all the Crafts, and formed the plea on which they sought for powers over their respective trades, whether from the Crown or from the Corporation. This policy was fostered and directed by the Crown and Parliament. A statute passed in 1363 enacted that "two of every craft shall be chosen to survey that none use other craft than the same which he has chosen."* An important order of somewhat similar

* 37 Edw. III, cap. 6; Statutes of the Realm, i, 379.

purport, probably directed to the citizens by Edward III, is preserved in Liber Albus.† This precept was transmitted by the Lord Mayor to the various Crafts, and it is fortunately preserved in an early English dress at the end of the Jury Book. The document is undated in the Liber Albus, but the reference in the Company's ancient book to Letter Book G of the City records enables us to fix its date as of the same year, 1363.

This folowyng is entred in þe boke of G þe leef cxxxv. Also it is ordeined þat alle þe craftes of þe citee of london be trewly rewled and gouned euȝch in his degree in due maner. So þt no falsnesse false werke ne disceite be found in no maner of þe said Craftes, ffor þe worsship of þe good folk of þe said Craftes, and for the cōe p̄fite of þe peple. that of euȝ Crafte be chosen and sworn. iiij. or vj. or mo. or fewer. as þe Crafte shull nede. the which folk so chosen and sworn shull haue full power of þe mair for that wele and trewly to do and p̄fome, And if any of the said Craftes be rebell contrarious or destourbouse, that they mowe nat duely p̄fome her office and of that he be atteinte that atte the first tyme he shal abide in prisone by x dayes and paie to þe Comunaltee for his trespasse x s. and atte the secunde tyme he shall dwell in prisone by xx dayes and paye to þe Comunaltee xx s. And atte the iiij^{de} tyme he shall duell in prisone by xxx dayes and paie to the Comunaltee xxx s. and atte the iiijth tyme he shall dwell in prisone by xl dayes and paie to the Comunaltee xl s.

1438. The materials at disposal for this early period are necessarily scanty, and we have no information as to the progress of the Craft during the next seventy-five years. In 1438 the silence breaks, and an interesting insight is afforded into the affairs of the Craft. Elated by the privileges granted them in the time of Edward III, the worthy men of the Pewterers seem to have taken upon them to make further ordinances without the authority of the Mayor and Aldermen and against the "profit" of the City. For this they had to appear before the Court of Aldermen on 19th November, when, after being examined, they fully confessed their fault, and on the 27th February, their illegal ordinances were "adnulled and utterly reiecte." A gleam of hope must have been vouchsafed them,

† Translation by Riley, pp. 424-5.

for on presenting themselves again with all due submission before the Court on the 20th March, a draft body of ordinances which they had prepared was approved.

This document is duly entered in the City books, but is here transcribed, as in previous cases, from the Company's old Jury Book.

Ordinaunces of the said crafte of peautrers enterd in the boke of k. in the lef clxxiiij. Be it remembred that the xix day of novembre In the yere of the regne of kinge henry the sixt aftir the conquest the xvij there came afore Stephen Browne maire & aldermen of london the worthy men of the craft of peautrers and severally examinid of and oppon many ordenances made *in counsaile confessid* that they hade made ordenances amonge *hemsself without* autorite of the maire the whiche by goode diligence and deliberacion examinid for as they were found ayenst the libertes of the cite and ayenst the comen profit and also *with out* autorite were made therfore by the maire and aldermen *in* theire congregacion held *in* the chambre of the Guyld halle of the cite of london the xxvij day of februeri al tho ordenances were adnulled and utterly reiecte and afterwarde the xx day of *march* yn the yere abouesaide the wardeins of the saide craft putto the maire and aldermen abille wherof the tenor folowth the whiche bil aftir diligent examinacion afore had by the saide maire and aldermen was approued.

*To the ful honourable lordes and soueraynes maire and aldermen of the cite of london. Humbli besechen the goode folk of the craft of peautrers *in* the saide citee that wher as for the goode of the comen peple worship of this cite & honeste of the saide crafte *þe* said besekers have certaine pointes and articles entird *in* the chamber of the saide citee *in* the boke of . ff. the lef. clv that it like vnto youre goode graces the said pointes and articles *in* forme as they of old tyme ben entird to accept ratifie & hem conferme and ouer that by youre ful wise discrecions to se and tendirly considir the pointes and articles here suinge writen and in that thei be goode and resonable *hem* to admitte for ferme sure and stable and hem graunt so to be entird *in* the chambre of the yelde halle aboue saide.

* A marginal note in a later hand is as follows :—A High Title given to y^e Mayor & Aldren.

Every member of the Craft to attend when summoned.

Firste for the treu observance of al the goode & commendable pointes articles & reules *in* the saide crafte that euery persone of *þe* same crafte that holdeth open shop *in* the said Citee or *in* the suburbus of *þe* same Citee whan and as often as he is warned by the mastirs of the said craft or by the bedel of the same craft that he come and be redy and attendant to the houre and place to hym assigned *oppon* peine of xij d that oone half alway to remaine to *þe* vse of the saide chambre* of the said chambre yeld halle and that othir half to the vse of the company of the said craft.

* *St.*

No person to take another's house, shop or standing place.

Also that no persone of the said craft hire *procure* ne put othir persone of the same craft out of his hous shōp or standing place in the cite of london nor *in* faires markettes nor *in* othir places out of this Citee nor mak no maner brogate [brokage] bi no mene persone priue ne apperte for any suche shop hous stondinge place nor parcel of grounde and in especial in feires markettes and places oute of this Citee on lesse than the person that hathe ocupied it byfore tyme be dede or ells wol it yeld vp and leue it bi his fre wyl vppon peine of xls to be diuidid in maner as it is abouesaide and that is often tymes as any person of the saide craft be founde and proued doinge the contrari of this article and ouer that to be iuged by the maires discrecion.

House-holders of the Craft to pay 12 d. yearly.

Also that euery persone housholder of the saide craft that holdethe open shope by the strete side *within* the saide Cite or *in* the suburbs therof from this tyme forward paie yerly to the relef of pouer men of the same Craft xij d to be disposid by the discrecions of the masters and goode men of the same crafte *in* tyme of necessite in peine of dowblinge to the chambre.

None to sell or bargain deceitfully.

Also where as heuy noise and greuous disclaunder is grouen through *þe* makinge and vsinge of vnleful bargaynes of cheuisaunce for goddes cause and vnto *þe* correccion & sauf kepinge of the honest & goode fame of the gode folk of the saide Craft and of al this honorable Cite *in* that *in* him is that no person of the saide Craft from this tyme forward selle ony Peauter vessel to cheuysaunce wittingeli *oppon* peine of xl d. the hundrethe to be paid by hym so made to be reced [received] and diuidid *in* maner and forme aboue declared.

None of the
Craft to
melt his
metal ashes
except in
places
appointed.

Also in eschewinge lettinge and cessinge of unleful sotiltees and comen hurtes that no person of the Craft from this tyme forward melte his metal ashes in any othir place than only with suche a person brothir of the same Craft and place conuenient as by the wardeins and sad men of the same Craft generally therto shal be named and asigned oppon peine of xijd. the hundreþ as oft tymes as ony person of the said craft dothe the contrari to be reced and diuided in the forme abouesaid.

It would have been interesting to compare these Ordinances with the first draft which the City annulled. Their object was to secure a firmer control over the trade, and the machinery for this purpose helped to consolidate and extend the internal organisation of the Fellowship. The provision obliging every member of the Craft to attend personally when summoned by the "Masters" is especially important, and it gives us the first notice of a "bedel" as a permanent official. Another enactment of value to the Craft was the power granted them to impose a yearly contribution upon all pewterers keeping open shop.

Of the same date, 1438, there is in the Jury Book a curious table of regulations for the standard weights of all kinds of pewter vessels. Inferior quality and bad workmanship had been provided for in the Ordinances of 1348, and it now remained to deal with offenders whose wares failed to come up to the proper standard of weight.

This folowinge is entird in the saide boke of . k. in the lef Clxxvj. For that diuers artificers of the craft of peautrers hidir vnto haue do to be forged & made vessel weinge lizter [lighter] or heuier þan þei out [ought] to wey þerfore þat in euery sorte of uessels to be made a comen certainte shalbe had in tyme comynge thece quantitees of weghtes ben limited and assigned in alle assises of the uessel vndir- stond vndirwriten.

First the chargeours of þe largest assise a doseine weinge iij quartrons of a C. the pece weinge vij li. Also next þe grettist a dosen weyynge lxlþ. þe pece v lb. Also the middil chargeours a dosen weyynge xxxix lb. þe pece weinge iij lb and a quarter. Also þe smale holow chargeours þe dosen weinge xxxiij þe pece ij lb and iij quarter. Also the platers of the largest assise þe dosen weinge xxx lb. Also the platers

of the next assice the doseine xxvij lb. Also þe middel platers a dosen weinge xxiiij lb. Also þe smale myddyl platers a dosen weyinge xxij lb. Also the disshes a dosen weinge of the largest assice xviiij lb. Also the myddil dishes a dosen weinge xiiij lb. Also þe kinges dishes a dosen weinge xvj lb. Also the smale dishes a dosen weinge xij lb. Also the holow dishes a dosen weyinge xj lb. Also the smale holowe dishes a dosen weyinge x lb. Also þe sawcers of þe largest assice a dosen weinge ix lb. Also the myddil a dosen weinge vij li. Also next the myddil saucers a dosen weinge vj lb. Also þe smale saucers a dosen weinge iiij lb. Also xij of the grettest Galey disshes & Galey saucers a dosen weinge xij lb. Also xiiij dishes & xiiij saucers weinge of the next Galey mold of the smale dishes of Galy & Galy saucers weinge xij lb. Also the Cardinals hatte and saucers weinge a doseine xvj li. Also xij florentyn disshes and xij florentyne saucers of the grettest assice weinge xiiij lb. Also the next florentyne disshes and florentine saucers weinge xij lb. Also the smale bolles a dosen weinge xiiij lb.

That ther be no conterfete þat cometh out of lundon but it be wel & sufficiantly bete & that there be no cours ware aneled by no man of þe franchice of london to be solde for counterfete in lundon or in the contrey for disceiuyng of þe kinges peple from this tyme forward oppon þe peine aforesaid. Also a square potel weinge iiij lb. Also a square Quart weyinge ij lb di. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.] Also a square pinte weinge a lb. di. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.] Also a doseine of plaine salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of cowped salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of counterfete salers weinge xiiij lb. Also a dosen of plaine smale salers weinge ix lb. Also a dosen of smale counterfete salers weinge ix li. Also a dosen short salers weyinge ix lb.

The list of wares is curious, but is confined to dishes and plates, the description of which is presumably exhaustive. Pots and liquid measures were perhaps made by a special class of workmen; an early list of them is found in the Accounts for 1482-3, *see* p. 57. Spoons, little salts, and other small ware were made by poorer members of the trade.

1444. The control over the trade now exercised by the general body of the pewterers was considerable, and the influence of the Craft was rapidly increasing. So far as the manufacture was concerned, an efficient oversight

was insured, but power was wanting to deal with abuses connected with the raw material. Although tin was required for other trades, the pewterers were by far the largest consumers of it, and from the allegations in the following petition, it would seem that much fraud was practised by the merchants of the stanneries. To ensure a sufficient supply of tin from the Cornish and Devonshire mines, and to prevent any tampering with its quality, were first necessities with the Overseers of the pewterers' industry. The Wardens of the Craft were fortunate in their efforts to attain both these objects, as appears from the following entries in the City records (Letter Book K, foll. 219, 219b).

Memorandum quod ad Comune concilium tentum die Veneris decimo die Julii Anno regni Regis Henrici sexti vicesimo secundo ordinatum fuit et concordatum per Thomam Catworth Maiorem et Aldermannos cum assensu Comunitatis quod Custodes Mistere de Peautrers pro se et hominibus dicte mistere in Comuni habebunt quartam partem totius Stanni ducti ad Ciuitatem Londoniarum per terram siue per aquam de manibus ipsorum mercatorum stannum illud ad Ciuitatem deferentium pro tali precio sicut ceteris Ciuibus adtunc illud vendi contigerit omni fraude cessant etc.

COMUNE concilium tentum die Mercurii vicesimo secundo die Julii Anno regni regis Henrici sexti vicesimo secundo. In isto comuni concilio porrecta fuit quedam supplicacio Maiori Aldermannis et Comunitati per custodes et ceteros Ciues de Mistera de Peautrers Cuius quidem supplicationis tenor sequitur in hec verba.

To the Right honourables lord and souueraignes the Maire & Aldremen of the Citee of London and to þe right wise and discrete Comons of the said Citee assembled in this present Counseill.

Mekely besechen the Wardeins and goodmen of the craft of Peautrers in London; for as moche as at euery coynage made in these dayes grete multitude of Tynne whiche is vntrewe and deceyuable is brought to this Citee and here is solde as dere as the best Tynne comyng to this said Citee, for as moche as no defaulte canne be perceyued therein till it come to the myltyng Wherthrughe grete damages and hurtes daily growen and encrecen nat onely to youre said besechers but also to alle

The Wardens of the Mistery of Pewterers to have a fourth part of all the tin brought for sale to London.

Wardens to have power to search and assay tin melted within the City.

the Kinges lieges bying myltyng and wirkyng the same tynne. Wherefore please it your honorable lordship and wise discrecions tendrely to conside the premisses and in eschuyng of the damages and hurtes aforesaid to ordeigne and graunt that the Wardeins of the said craft which for the tyme shulle be, haue auctoritee and power from tyme to tyme perpetually hereafter to serche and assaie alle tynne hereafter to be multe withinne the said Citee and the Fraunchise therof, And alle the tynne by them to befounde deceyuable and vntrewe to take and areste to the vse of the Chambre of the Gildehalle of the said Citee as forfaite sauynge to the said Wardeins whiche for þe time shulle be, a resonable part by you to be limited of euery forfaiture for thaire labour to be hadde in the serche aforesaid And this for the comon auaille and encrece and in wey of charitee.

Petition
granted and
allowed.

Que supplicatio per Comunitatem fuerat concessa et affirmata. Et quia videbatur Maiori et Aldermannis quod dicta supplicatio tendit in promocionem iusticie et ex consequenti in sustentacionem prosperitatis rei publice ordinatum fuit quod dicta supplicatio execucioni demandetur in adiutorium sollicitudinis et laboris Maioris qui pro tempore fuerit ad quem spectat in solidum misprisiones negligencias et defectus omnium misterarum corrigere infra Ciuitatem supradictam etc.

1451. We have now reached a date when the long series of Accounts known as Audit Books begins; and these documents afford another and most valuable source of information. The earliest Audit Book commences in the year 1451. Prefixed to it are nine pages containing various memoranda of sums owing to the Craft and purchases made. They are interspersed with a transcript of the will and an inventory of the possessions of Thomas Cohed, who died in London on 19th July, 1425. These are of considerable antiquarian interest, and include the funeral expenses incurred by his executors. Cohed was probably a Pewterer and a benefactor to the Craft, but his relationship is not sufficiently clear to justify the transcript at length of these particulars. The following list of moulds purchased by the Craft is of interest, and occurs among the miscellaneous entries above referred to.

Țhe partyes of xv moldys bowthe [bought] of hew Swan Tho paruys willm prowde and Robard schalke, & Rychard ffelde John veysy

fferst	j	holow scharyder	iiij	parte	ys	.	.	.	.	xix	ti
Itm	j	C plat ⁿ molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	xvj	đ
Itm	j	C dysche molde	iiij	parte	ys	.	.	.	.	xj	đ j q ^a
Itm	j	C Sawsyrmolde	iiij	parte	ys	.	.	.	.	v	ti q ^a
Itm	j	medyll plat ⁿ molde	iiij	parte	ys	.	.	.	.	xij	ti đ j q ^a
Itm	j	medyll dysche molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	ix	ti
Itm	j	medyll sawsyr molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	v	ti q ^a
Itm	j	kyngs ys dysche molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	xj	ti đ q ^a
Itm	j	holow dysche molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	iiij	ti đ j q ^a
Itm	j	holow sawsyr molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	ij	ti đ
Itm	j	Salydysche molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	iiij	ti đ j q ^a
Itm	j	Saly sawsyr molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	j	ti q ^a đ
Itm	j	Salū bolle molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	xv	ti
Itm	j	qware bolle molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	vij	ti
Itm	j	Trechor molde	iiij	part	ys	.	.	.	.	v	ti đ q ^a

Sm^a to^{li} C. xviiij ti j q^a đ

Bowth of Robard schalke.

A Gret fflorentyn dysche Alffyndell b^e weyth xiiij ti j q^a

These moulds were valuable trade possessions and their ownership was often shared by several pewterers. The Wardens of the Craft probably made the above purchases in the interest of the brethren to whom they were lent on hire.

1451-2. In order to assist in forming as clear a view of the position of the Craft as can be obtained at this early period, a complete transcript of the earliest annual account is subjoined, and will be followed by extracts from succeeding accounts and other records illustrating the growth and development of the Craft, the changes in its religious observances, its municipal functions and trade regulations, and the various aspects presented in these documents from time to time of its internal organisation.

This is the Accompt of John Grigge Maister of the Crafte of Peautrers of london, John Kendale and Stephen Annsell the Wardeins of the same Crafte, yoven and deliuered vp to piers Bysshop maister Robert Chamberleyn and Willm Eyre wardeins new chosen for the yere suyng that is to sey fro the fest of Seint Michell the xxx^{ti} yere of the regne of kyng Hen^r the sixt vnto the fest of Seint Michell the xxxj^{ti} yer which is by a hole yer

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ffirst they accompten by hem resceiued yn the Coē Box by Willm Baker maister John Coldham and Willm Crowde Wardeins þeir þdecessours x ti xv s viij d
Item receiued of Morice Panton in ptie of paiement of xx s xj s
 Sm^a - xj ti vjs viij d.

Entrees of Bretheren and ffynes & Quartage

Item receiued of John Dogowe Cornysshman to be made ffreman iij ti vjs viij d
Item receiued of John Elme for A ffyne vjs viij d
Item receiued of diu^{se} Bretheren and Sustren for quartage for an hole yere as shew^t by a Bille of hīr names lvij s
 Sm^a - vj li xs iiij d

Yiftes and Bequestes

Item receiued of the Executours of Nicolas Westwode by the hondes of Willm Brid ffoundo^r xvj ti viij s
Item receiued of the bequest of Anneys lumley v ti
 Sm^a - xxj ti viij s. Sm^a to^t Receiued - xxxix ti iiij s xj d.

Paieementes made by the seyd Accomptants

ffirst paid to the Almesman for a yere xxiiij s
Item paid to the Wexchaundeler for makyng of the wex atte iij tymes viij s ix d
Item paid for hyre of a Barge atte þ^e goyng of the Shereves to Westmynster v s
Item paid for points for þ^e Baner cloþes j d
Item yove to the Bargemen to drynke ij d
Item paid to ffreere Augustynes ij s
Item paid to Clerks the day of masse ij s
Item paid for makyng and peyntyng of Judas staves ix d
Item paid for the Burying of Thomas lambe xvj d
 Sm^a - xliij s j d

Costes made yn the sute of Piers Welles Executours

Item paid for a pleint made yn the meyres Court iiij d
Item paid to a Sergeaunt xij d
Item paid to Attorney xij d
Item spent vppon the Executours at wyne vj d
 Sm^a ij s x d

Item paid for makynge writing and engrosynge vp of his accompt xij d

Sm^a xij d Sm^a to^t paid xlvj s xj d

And so remayneth yn the Box xxxvj li xvij s

wherof is clerely of the quartage for this yere x s j d

Dettours payde

ffirst Willm^a Sarkeler to paie at Cristmas last by Piers Bysshop vj s viij d

Item Moryse Panton ix s

Item Robert Person for Entre vj s viij d

Item John Hull for an hundred of layed metall xx s

Sm^a xliij s iiij d

Things deliuered for the vse of the seid Crafte

ffirst yn a bag diuse weightes of lede þat is to sey xxviij lb xiiij lb
viij lb iiij lb ij lb & j lb

Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng vij yerdes

Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng ix yerdes

Item a Bordcloth of dyapre conteynyng vj yerdes

Item a playn towaill conteynyng x yerdes

Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng viij yerdes

Item a nob⁹ [another] pleyn towaill conteynyng viij yerdes

Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng vij yerdes

Item a pleyn towaill conteynyng vj yerdes

Item ij Baners of þ^e Armes of þ^e Crafte

Item a penon

Item viij Ban^s w^t lyly potts & straks for Trumpetts

This been the names of hem that been sworn and no Bretheren
in oure tyme.

Thomas Turnour

Robt Castell

Thomas Merlowe

Piers Pynton

Thomas of Grove

Robt Dewe

The accounts at this early period were very concisely kept and throw little light on the organisation of the Craft; we must look to those of a later date for more detailed information. The large sum paid by the Cornishman, John Dogowe, for his freedom, shows that the Company's control of the trade was widely exercised, and that its membership was at

this time a highly-valued privilege. It is clear also from the receipt of quarterage from "Sustren" as well as "Bretheren" that women were admitted, not only to the religious fellowship connected with the guild, but also to the craft, which included their contributions in its accounts. The mention of "freemen" and "brethren" shows the existence at this early period of two classes of members. The freemen probably possessed only trade privileges and had little share in the government of the craft. The gifts and bequests for this year amounted to no less than 2*l.* 8*s.*, the total receipts for the year being 39*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* The payments include the hire of a barge to accompany the Sheriffs to Westminster, and two years later the charge of 10*s.* 8*d.* first appears for a similar compliment paid to the Mayor. Of the great religious festival annually kept at this time at the Augustine Friars, but afterwards at the church of the Grey Friars, fuller particulars appear in subsequent years.

Another characteristic function of the Company is shown in the payment of 24*s.* a year to an almsman, and the practice of attending at the funeral of a deceased brother is illustrated by the charge of 16*d.* for the cost of burying Thomas Lambe. The minor duties of hospitality were duly observed in the payment of 2*d.* for "drynke" to the bargemen and of 6*d.* spent upon Piers Welles' executors for wine. The entry of John Hull's debt of 20*s.* for a cwt. of lay metal refers to the Company's practice of melting down the pewter ware seized for bad workmanship or inferior quality, and selling it to their members as "lay" or common pewter. The bag of leaden weights mentioned in the inventory accompanied the officers of the craft in their searches for false ware. The last item in the inventory is interesting as showing two of the devices or cognizances of the Company, namely the lily-pots, assumed in honour of their patroness, the Virgin Mary, and the mysterious objects called strakes or strikes, which are charges in the Pewterers' arms. They appear from a subsequent entry (*see* page 99) to have been ingots of tin.

1452-3. *It* paid to a Clerk of the Chauncery *þ*^r arested John Turno^r and Willm Crowde for his reward in labóyng to serche for statuts & oþ^r thyngs to þentent to labo^r to þe plement for a charter for þe Craft to haue serche thurgh England . v s.

The charter was not secured until 1473, after an expenditure of a large amount both of money and labour. Turnor and Crowde were both "bretheren," and the latter was an influential member of the Craft. What they had done to incur the penalty of an arrest does not appear.

Item a penon of the Salutacion. [From inventory.]

1455-6. **Item** for a kylderkyn of threhalpeny ale xx d.

Item for the masse doon at Greyfrers on our lady day ij s. viij d.

The annual charges paid to the two great religious houses of the Grey Friars and the Augustine or Austin Friars are not intelligible at first sight, but a careful examination of the Accounts from 1451 to 1492 gives the following result. The Craft rented certain premises at Austin Friars at an annual payment of 2s., afterwards increased to 3s. 4d. The accommodation provided was the use of a great Hall for the great annual feast and for minor festive gatherings, apartments for elections, settlement of accounts, etc., and probably offices for the general use of the Craft and its governing body throughout the year. At the Grey Friars three religious meetings or "offryngs" took place each year, viz., at Christmas, Easter, and the Feast of the Assumption. The "braunch," kept clean and repaired from time to time at the expense of the Craft, was resplendent before the altar of Our Lady with candles provided by the wax chandler, who allowed in his account for the "waste" of partly burnt candles returned to him. The music was provided by the Company of Parish Clerks and "syngyng" boys, and the priests and clerks officiating were duly rewarded. The solemn duty of caring for the souls of Royal patrons, deceased brethren and sisters, and pious benefactors, duly performed, the festive ceremonies followed at the sumptuous abode of the Austin Friars. The last year of meeting here was 1486, when the Company took possession of their newly built Hall.

Item a licence vnder seal of the yifte Armes vnto the seide Crafte by an heraulte of Armes. [From inventory.]

No trace of this early grant of arms exists. It is important to note that the Craft bore arms before their incorporation.

1456-7. **Item** receyued for takyng in of p'ntices v s.

This is the first mention of fees for inrolling apprentices, and such fees do not appear regularly in the accounts until the year 1487. The

custom of apprenticeship was however well established, if not quite compulsory, at this time, as appears from the list of names on the next few pages.

Item paid to maist' Rog' Clerk of the yeldhall for seyng of þe ordeñnces þ' þe vj men of the Crafte made vj s. viij d.

See pages 7-8 where the Six men or Wardens of the Articles, in 1350, have their duties described.

Item paid for Syngrs at our lady masse at the Gray ffrerys iij s.

Item to haue in mynde of awarde made bytwene the felaship of þe Crafte of Peaut'ers & John Turno' & Richard lawton of þe same crafte by iiij men chosen by assent of bothe pties as for offence don to þe same Crafte touching for the lyue [livery] which iiij men awarded þat þe said John Turno' & Ric' lawton shuld brynge in to þe box for þeir said offence xx. s. And þey woll not obeye it ffor þe which & for oþ' disobeisance þ' þey haue don to þe maist' & wardeyns þey ben put out of þe said felaship.

The roll of the members of the Company in this year's account and that of the following year contains three divisions: (1) "the broth^{en}en þat paien quartage." These are the Livery or Clothing. (2) "hem þ' be no brotheren & paien quartage." These are the Freemen or Yeomanry who had obtained licence to set up in business or "open shop" for themselves. (3) "Couenñt men & Appñtices." The "covenant men" are the Journeymen, but all of them were probably Freemen. It will be observed that the men whose names appear in the third class are attached to one or other of the "brotheren" whom they served as master.

These ben the names of the broth^{en}en of þe said Crafte þat paien quartage

John Coldh ^m	Will ^m large	John Cokonow
Robt Chamberlayn	John kendale	John Parys
Thomas Page	Will ^m Crowde	Stephen Todde
Will ^m Dere	John Goodale	Thoms Gardyner
Thomas Dounton	Piers Bisshop	John Pepond
John Gugge þe elder	Will ^m Eyre	John lambard
Stephen Aunsell	John Dogowe	Will ^m Smalwode

John Veysy	Hugh Swan	Symond Drayton
Nicholas Walker	John Whitehed	Willm Wylby
Morys Panton	Thoms launtot	John Gugge þe yong'
Thoms Smyth	Piers Warbylton	John Turno ^r
Richard ffelde	Thomas Grove	Richard lawton
John Martyn	Piers pynton	John Bristowe
Robt Hacche	John Gynger	

The names of hem þ^t be no brotheren & paien quartage

Thomas Marler	John Couper	John Mylys
Richard kyrke	Richard Halle	Wythm Blowfelde
William Randolf	Rauff Burnes Wif	Roberde Seyke
John Pecok	Watkyn Wardes Wif	John Harrys
Thomas Turno ^r	Roberde Dewee	Roberde Byllynge

Thes ben the names of Couenn^{nt} men & App^{nt}ices.

John Gugge þe elder	Robert Parson	} Couenn ^{nt} men
	John Bouer	
	John Baron	
	John ffrank	
John Kendall	John Batte	} Couenn ^{nt} men
	John Cambrigge	
	John Hede	
	Richard Halle	
	John Burgeys	} p ^{nt} ices
	Willm Wode	
	Ri ^c Rowyn	
	John Aleke	
	Ri ^c Brykley	
	Ri ^c Moresley	
Piers Bisshop	Symond Thepler	} Couenn ^{nt}
	Thoms loth	
	John lambe	
	Willm Baker	
	John Armerer	} p ^{nt} ices
	Thomas Cade	

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John Turno ^r	{ Wal ^t Waly Thom ^a s Saltford Thom ^a s Brevyll }	{ p ⁿ tices
Wal ^t Warde	{ Thom ^a s Blak John Sneylam }	{ p ⁿ tices
Ric ^d lawton	{ Rob ^t ffoster Will ^m Benet Will ^m Hytton John Hill }	Couenn ^t { p ⁿ tices
Will ^m Crowde	{ Will ^m Sexteyn Thomas Barton Bartholomew Eyles Thom ^a s Steynford Will ^m Bedyll John lawston leonard Otwey }	Couenn ^t { p ⁿ tices
John Goodale	{ Rob ^t Squyer John ffodryngey John Gybon }	{ p ⁿ tices
Will ^m large	{ Thom ^a s large Will ^m Assh }	{ p ⁿ tices
Stephen Auncell	{ Harry Osbarn Will ^m Richardson Rob ^t of Cokton }	Couenn ^t { p ⁿ tices
Will ^m Eyer	{ John Cleny James Hylton }	{ p ⁿ tices
John Parys	{ John Clerk Thom ^a s Goodlak Thom ^a s Nycoll Ric ^d Bekyrstaff Ric ^d Morys }	Couenn ^t { p ⁿ tices

Steph ⁿ Tod	Will ^m Trekill	Couen ^{nt}
	Will ^m Elys	p ⁿ tices
	John Chamberlayn	
John pepond	John Westerby	Couen ^{nt}
Morys Panton	Robt Smyth	Couen ^{nt}
	Arnold Negerby	p ⁿ tices
	Thom ^s Chalke	
Nicholas Walker	Robt Mounteyn	Couen ^{nt}
	John Broun	p ⁿ tice
Thom ^s Smyth	Thom ^s Wynd	p ⁿ tices
	Thom ^s Bridbroke	
	John Megyll	
Piers Pynton	John Wyttyng	Couen ^{nt}
	John Robynet	p ⁿ tices
	John Edward	
John Cogens	Harry	p ⁿ tice
Thom ^s Grove	Harry Stapelherst	p ⁿ tices
	John kynthorp	
	Will ^m Cok	
Symond Drayton	John Dymmeys	p ⁿ tices
	Adam Hyndeson	
John Whitehed	Wat ^h Marchall	Couen ^{nt}
	John Coke	p ⁿ tice
John lambard	John Briche	p ⁿ tices
	John Hynde	
Thom ^s Turno ^r	Will ^m Symond	p ⁿ tices
	Will ^m Lavynd	
John Gugge the yong ^o	John Baker	Couen ^{nt}
	John	p ⁿ tice

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Willm Smalwod	John Coldhm	þntice
John Veysy	{ Willm Wace Thoms Bachiler	{ þntices
Richard ffelde	Riç ffowle	þntice
John Warde	Willm Couper	þntice
Piers Warbylton	{ Riç Esterby John Wysbech Thoms Dunton	{ Couenn̄t þntice
Thoms launtot	Thomas Plomer	þntice
John pecok	John lechford	Couenn̄t
Thoms laurence	Thoms Dunhm	Couenn̄t
Robt Hacche	{ John Colman John Gylmyn John Robynson	{ Couenn̄t þntices
Willm Randolf	John Kelefet	þntice
John mylys	Thoms Johnsone	þntice
Riç kyrke	John Barboʳ	þntice
John Couper	Thoms Woo	þntice
John Coldhm	{ John Oakele Walt Haydon	{ þntices
Robt Chambleyn	{ Willm Chambleyn Thoms Gyues John Blakeney Thoms Smyth John Goddesman John Egermond John Cardenall John Byceter Riç ffisser	{ Couenn̄t þntices
Thoms page	{ Riç Speryng Willm vtle	{ þntices

	John Grene	
	Harry Kykesby	
	Richard Moy	
	Richard Trekyll	Couenēt
	Willm ^a Skynner	
	Ric ^o ffelde	
	Thoms ^a Grove	
	John Robard	
Thoms ^a Dounton	Thoms ^a Alisaunder	
merc ^o	John Warner	
	Willm ^a Brydfeld	
	John Dunton	
	John Stowell	pntices
	John Barnet	
	Richard laykot	
	Piers Bisshop	
	Willm ^a Baker	
	John Armorer	
Thoms ^a Marler		pntice
	John Pytsey	
	Richard Bacchawe	late Coldhms ^a pntice
	Robt Stradley	
	Robt Byllyng	
	Harry loder	
	Robt Seke	
	John Gyng ^o	
	John Want oth ^o wise Bristowe	
	Willm ^a Wylby	
	John Elmys	
	Ric ^o Ramsey	
	John ffrost	

It is curious to note that Thomas Dounton, who has the largest number of workmen and apprentices, is described here and elsewhere as a Mercer.

It payde for the sele of the dede to the menoresse vj s. viij d.
1458-9. **Itm** ffor Borgon & Bryan & Whetnalle men off lawe ffor **h**^e
 seeyng off Evedens bee twyxt my lady pryoras off menoras and
 vs x s.

This religious house was the Abbey of the Minoreesses of St. Mary of the order of St. Clare, from which the Minories takes its name. It was founded by Blanche, Queen of Navarre, consort of Edmund, Duke of Lancaster, in 1293. On its surrender at the Dissolution, the house was granted to Dr. Clerk, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Master of the Rolls. In 1552 the chief mansion, called the Minory House, was granted by Edward VI to Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, father of Lady Jane Grey. After passing through the possession of various other owners, it was appropriated for military stores and an armoury in connection with the Tower of London, and was ultimately separated into lesser tenements.

Bee it to have in mynd off a dyner was i maade Bee robard chambyrleyn mastyr and Wyllm^a smalwood Stevyn tod wardeynys off peawtrers **h**^e xxvj^{te} day off avgwst a^{no} xxxvij^{te} vn too **h**^e ffelaschyp off peawtrers crafft **h**^e whych cost **h**^e Evne and **h**^e day and **h**^e morn viijth xxij d q^a. Ther off resseyvyd off alle **h**^e ffelasschyp off **h**^e craft at **h**ⁱ tym iiijth xijs. xd. And so **h**^e seyde Robard chambyrleyn mastyr and Wyllm^a smalwod & stevyn tod Wardeyns Be at moor coste **han** they weer sessyd Be **h**^e ffelasschyp at ffyrs awstyn xxxviij s.

It will be seen by other extracts from the accounts that the "dyner" here mentioned did not really last three days, but consisted of three repasts held in connection with the great annual religious festival of the Fellowship. These were the modest meal of buns and ale after Dirige on the eve of the Festival, the great feast after High Mass on the following day, and a breakfast on the day after the festival, which was probably attended only by the governing body assembled at a meeting to settle the accounts. The religious functions were held at the Grey Friars, and the festivities and business meetings at the Friars Austin.

1459-60. **It** payde to viij men of the crafte for rydyng aȝens the kynge liij s. iiij d.

Who was the royal personage mentioned in the above entry is not clear, but it was probably Richard Duke of York, father of Edward IV,

who had defeated the Lancastrians at the battle of Blore Heath. Gregory in his Chronicle* relates that the Duke sent for "trompeters and claryners to bryng hym to London, and there he gave them baners with the hole armys of Inglonde with owte any dyversyte, and commaundyd hys sworde to ben borne uppe ryghte be-fore hym; and soo he rode forthe unto Lunden tylle he come to Westemyster to Kyng Harrys palys, and there he claymyde the crowne of Inglonde. And he kepte Kynge Harry there by fors and strengythe, tylle at the laste the kynge for fere of dethe grauntyd hym þe crowne." King Henry's fortunes were at a low ebb during the year 1459-60, which this account covers, and it seems most probable that the livery companies were summoned to attend his successful rival, who, as the above quotation shows, had assumed the title of king.

1460-1. *Item* payde to Tho^m lotte and to John ffroste fore wachchyng
att the Towre of london fore xxxⁱⁱ dayes eu'y day vd . . . xijs. vjd.

The position of the citizens at this period was not enviable. They were probably anxious to please both of the great contending parties. Besides being responsible for the defence of the City, which was especially liable to attack at London Bridge, they had to act in concert with the Governor of the Tower and furnish men for its defence in times of war and civil commotion. The Pewterers' Company furnished two men fully armed, whom they maintained for thirty days. The total contingent provided by the companies and the City probably reached 150 men.

Item payde of the Box monay to the viij men that rode azenste the
kynge eu'y man vjs viij d : liij s. iiij d.

This year again the King—probably Henry VI, whose fortunes had been restored by his intrepid consort, Queen Margaret—was received by the citizens on passing through London.

Item payde fore yowre Bedell ys gowne xij s. vj d.

The Beadle of the Company was in those early times the most important of the paid officials. He attended the Master and Wardens in their "searches," and sometimes himself went on "search" by their direction. He lived in later times at the Hall, whilst the Clerk appears

* Historical collections of a Citizen of London in the fifteenth century. Edited by James Gairdner, Camden Society. New Series, 17, p. 208.

to have had only an office there. It was his duty to summon the brethren to all meetings, to pay the alms people, keep the Hall and premises in safe custody and good order, and to carry on under the direction of the Master and Wardens the trade relations which existed between the Company and its members, such as purchase of tin, hire of moulds, stamping of wares, etc. He also superintended the workmen in repairs to the property of the Fellowship, purchasing all materials, and acting as clerk of the works, if not as master builder.

¶ payde for makynge of a byll to Cobbe for to pute yn the parlemente howse for the welle [weal] of all the ffelechype iiij s.

The Company were now actively prosecuting at Court legal powers for securing adequate authority over their own members and the trade at large. Then, as now, it was an expensive matter to approach Parliament, and at this period, besides the official fees and payments to their own counsel, certain other "expenses" by way of gift and entertainment to those who could forward the Company's interests frequently occur in the accounts, and helped to make a long and costly series of charges by the time that the charter of incorporation was obtained.

1461-2. **¶** paid on Alhalow evyn [31 Oct.] for bote hire to bryng certeyn men of the craft to Westmynst & a yene w^t þ^e mair for to speke w^t þ^e kyng vj d.

¶ to men of Counsell and for a bill makynge to put into þ^e plement and in expensē done on such as shold put it vp x s. viij d.

¶ geven to certeyn men at Cutlers halle to axe hem counsell of certeyn maters touchyng þ^e comon wele, for to drynk viij d.

Instances of the good fellowship which existed between the Pewterers and other city companies frequently occur. The officers of the Cutlers' Company seem to have been held in high reputation for learning and skill in legal matters.

¶ paid for brede & wyne at þ^e myter in chepe whan certeyn men of the Craft were there and spake w^t Robt Blont ~~ij s.~~ xvj d.

¶ paid for makynge of a bille of ordinauncē of the Craft ij s. iiij d.

1462-3. **¶** paid for j barge and j bote for to goo w^t the kyng to resceiue hym atte his comyng to the plement vj s.

This was King Edward IV, who had received great help from the citizens, and was coming from Sheen to London by water. The Corporation and the Guilds joined in giving him a stately and fitting welcome.

Memorand' that in the tyme of the seid John Kendall Master Thomas page and William Smalwode Wardeynes of the forseid Crafte of peautrers of the Citee of London by the advys and assent of all the hole ffeleshipp that oon Richard Moy was ffounde and proved opynly a theeff in robbyng of Robt Chamberleyn peautrer Clene haue dismysyd hym owte of the ffeleshipp for ever more.

The above is an instance of the great powers which the companies possessed over individual citizens. The sentence upon Richard Moy practically involved a deprivation of all civil rights, since he could not carry on his trade as a Pewterer without being a member of the Company, and no other Company would admit him to its membership.

1463-4. Following the list of newly admitted brethren who duly paid the entrance fee of 6s. 8d. are the names of defaulters upon whom distress was levied. This list is headed "Stresses taken for entres," and the second entry is: **Item** of Thomas Dunton xvij countrefete platers weying xxxix lb beyng in the handes of Herry Staplehurst.

Item paid to John ffrost bedell for his wages of the hool yere . xxiiij s.

Item paid to certeyn of the felaship that wolde not dyne with the Mayre the day that he toke his charge ij s. iiij d.

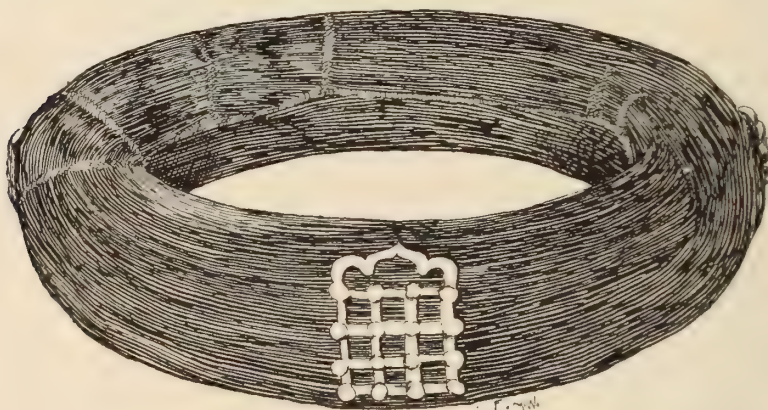
The Companies gave their attendance to the mayor "at his going to Paules" seven times a year, viz.: on Allhallows day (1 November), Christmas day, St. Stephen's day (26 December), St. John's day (27 December), New Year's day, Twelfth day, and Candlemas day (2 February). They also attended him when he took oath at Westminster on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude (29 October), and "had place at the mayor's feast in the Guildhall" in order of precedence. The Pewterers were fourteenth in order, and were represented by their wardens and five persons, for whom two messes were provided (Stow's Survey of London, 1603, p. 541). The above payment was a contribution from the Fellowship for providing a dinner for those members who were not invited to Guildhall, the rest of the cost was provided by Stewards chosen in rotation for the purpose.

Item paid to John Broke the Almes man for a quarter . . . xx d.

Item paid to Thomas Barton Almes man for an hool yere . . . vjs. viij d.

In this year, 1463, the ancient record book of the Company containing their earliest ordinances, previously described as the Jury Book, was given by Robert Chamberlain and Cicely his wife, together with three election garlands. In the inventory following the accounts for 1463-4 these chaplets are thus described.

Item iij Chaplettes of rede satyn with tassell^e and on oon of them ij strakes and an Image of the assumpcion of oure lady of sill^e.



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlayn in 1463.

In the Jury Book also are found the most ancient oaths of the Fellowship. First is the oath of a Freeman of London administered by the Chamberlain at Guildhall, and this early form has great interest :

The Oath of the Freemen of the City.

Ye shul swere that ye shul be goode & trew vnto oure souereyne lorde *N* kinge of ingelōde and to his heires kynges obeysante and obedient vnto the mayre and to the ministres of this cite *þe* fraunchises and the customes therof ye shul māytene and the cite kepe harmeles in that that in yow is ye shal be contributari to al maner charges wⁱⁿ this cyte as somones wacches contribucons taxes tallages and al othir charges berynge youre pte os anoth^r freman shal ye shul coloure no foreines goode wher bi the kinge myghte lece his customes or his avauntage ye shal know no foreyne to bey selle nor marchandice w^t anothir foreine wⁱ

this Citee ne the franchices therof but ye warne þe chambirleyne therof or sū minstre of the chāber ye shulle enplede no fremā oute of this Citee while ye mow haue riȝte & lawe here wⁱ ye shal take non aprentice but if he be fre borne and for no lesse tⁱme than vij yere wⁱ the first yere ye shul do hī be ērolled & atthe tⁱmes ende ye shul make hī fre if he haue wele & trewly serued yow ye shul also kepe the pes ī youre owne pson ye shul know no gaderigges cōuenticles nor cōspiracies made ayenste þe peas but ye warne the Maire therof and lette hit to youre power al thes pointes ye shul wel and truli kepe acordinge to the laws ande customes of this Citee to youre power so helpe yowe god.

Following the above oath are those prescribed for the brethren of the Fellowship and for the Master and Wardens.

The othe of the feliship of pewterars of lōndon.

You SHALL SWERE that you shall be faithefull to oure souerayne lorde the kynge and to hys eyrys [*and successors] kyngs [*and queens] of yngelande and the peasse of the Cety you shall kepe to youre powre. You shall be good in aberynge and obedyent to all laufull comaundements of the master and wardens of the felyschep of pewterars for the tyme beinge and their successours Master and wardens. And the counsell of the said crafte that is said here or in any other place consarvyng the wealle of the felyschep you shall kepe and not vtur to no strange parson nother within the Citie nor w^toute. You shall knowe no p^riudyce nor hurt to be don to the felyshep but you shall lett yt to youre powre and geve warninge to the master and wardens therof. AND all the good Rullys and ordenauⁿcs of the saide crafte made or to be made by the master wardens and Comynalty of the said Crafte you shall kepe. AND you shall come to all and to eu^y somons of the master and wardens lawfully warned by the bedyll in their name. AND that you shall not worke preuely not apart with any parson excepte he be free of the same Crafte. AND shalbe contributor to all charges within the said crafte now accustomed or here to fore hathe bene. You shall ayde and socoure the poore brotheren of the saide crafte to youre poure. IN ALL THES THYNGES above rehersed and in all other

* Additions in later hand.

Obediens.

Councell

Preiudyce
nor hurtt

Ordenaunce

Somons

p^ruely
workynge

Contri-
buto's

The poore
bretheren

that to the same Crafte belongs well and truly for the welle and worschep of the same Crafte you schall behaue you and kepe you soo god you helpe † and all saynts &c.

The Othe for the maister and Wardens.

We shall swere that you shall be faythefull to oure souerayne lorde the kynge and to his ayris kyngs, and you shall well and onestly Intret your felyschepe, and Ryght do as well to the poure as to the ryche, and the profett of the felyschyp in that that you is, to youre power laufully and ryghtuously you shall mayntayne and incresse, and a trewe accounte therof make. And Just Jugys you shalbe vpon the complaynt of youre felyschep as well to the poure, as to the ryche. And no syngular profett do to youre owne parsons where thorowe the common profytt of the felyschep may be harmed or hurte, and all the good lafull ordenauncys and Rulys of the said ffelyschep that now be made or in tyme to come shall be made, yow shall kepe and mayntayne to your powre. Nor no man receyue in to the said felyschep w'oute the assent of the felyschep or the more parte of them. In these and all other thyngs that partayneth to your office to do, you shall well and trewly be haue you. So god be youre helpe and all sayntts.

1464-5. Item paid to vj men for þeir clothyng þ' rode ayenst þ' quene at her Coronacion xxxs.

This was the Lady Elizabeth Grey, the widow of Sir John Grey, whom Edward IV had privately married in February.

1465-6. The list of new liverymen for this year has the following quaint heading:—

“**These** be the names that beth taken in to the lyvery þis seid yere by the mayster and wardeyns and þ' thryfty men of þ' crafte.”

Bessey Bid in ffynis [fines]. ffirste of Withm Crowde for he cam nott Cristemas day and þ' twelthe day to Powlys ijs.
 John Whytehede cam not to powlys þ' twelthe day xij d.
 Richarde kyrke cam not to powlys þe xij^e day xij d.
Item Richarde kyrke toke an axion on Roberde mownteyne w' oute leve of the maist^r and þ' wardeynes a ffyne iij s. iij d.

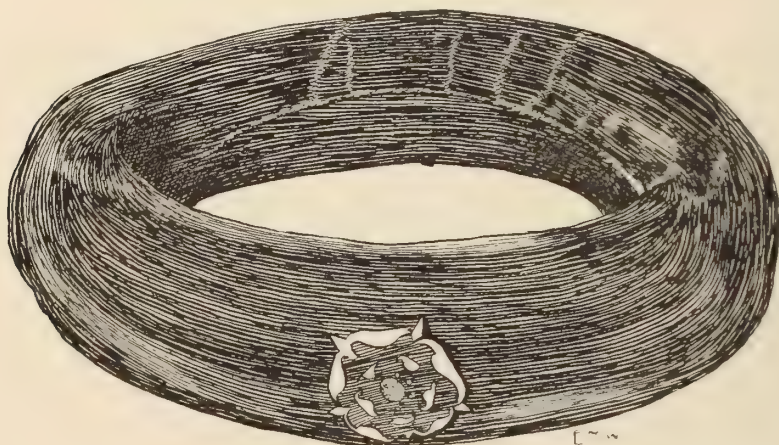
† The words following this sign are marked through in the original.

Item ij baners of þ^e Armys of þ^e Crafte and a penown w^t Seynt mihell.
[From the inventory.]

The two following entries are remarkable specimens of composition. The first explains the refusal of the auditors to certify the accounts of the year because the balance had not been brought in. The second is an expulsion from the craft of one Thomas Wynde, an unruly brother, it being provided that he should only be re-admitted upon paying a new entrance fee.

¶ Be it yn mende that the xxvijth day of Septembr þ^e Saterday before myhelmasse Day that we John Coldhū mayster Will Smalwode Nicolas Waker Wardenys made ther A cōmpt at ffrere Austynis the day & ȝyer a ffor seyde of soche goodis and tresur beyng yn ther handis that is to say xv ti and þe ou^{er} plus as it spisiffyd in ther a cōmpt w^{ith} other orlemyns [ornaments] as it aperith in þ^e seyde a cōmpt In presense of All þ^e craft ther beyng And were [whereas] the seyde crafte wolde nauth exsepte the seyde A cōmpt by cause that the mony wasth nauth brouth yn beyng in the handis of John Kendall and John Parisch to þ^e Sm^a ij & xij ti viijs vd it wasth A cordyt [accorded] that þ^e craft schulde go to gedyr And to thake ther Avische [advice] or serch the ij olde maystr^{es} and þ^e wardenys and þ^e ij newe mayst^{ers} & wardenys this j don the seyde crafth a cordyd to gedyr and Witt Croude brouthz [brought] op thar verdyd [verdict] that þ^e ij^e olde mayst^{ers} & wardenys schulde kepe the seyde A cōmpt in ther handis on thil [until] þ^e monday ij^e wakys [weeks] after mihelmasse day in the ȝyer a bowe seyde.

Also the seyde day and yerne Th^o Wynde in as mekyll [inasmuch] as he was Rebyll and wolde nathe be reulyd [ruled] by the good men of þ^e craft After the good Reulis of þ^e seyde crafft the seyde good men dysmysyd the seyde Th^o Wynde houth of þ^e craft op on his a mendement of hym selfe and nauth to be take in to þ^e seyd crafft wⁱ houth [without]



Election Chaplet, or Garland, given by Robert and Cicely Chamberlayn in 1463.

þ^e well of þ^e seyde mayst^{er} and wardenys that now ben And her after shall ben And be all þ^e craft and þ^e seyde Th^o Wynde to paye a newe hentry as þ^e craffth shall will a corde.

1467-8. ffirst payed to Robert Chamberleyn for the purchase of
our lyvelode ^{xx.} iij li.

This would seem to have been a payment towards the expenses of the charter, which is often described as the "livelihood" of the Company. Chamberlain gave, on 2nd May, 8th Edward IV (1468), to the Company as security for a debt of 80*l.*, a mortgage of certain tenements and shops in the parish of "Our Lady of Colechurche of London," held on lease from the Prior and Convent of Chicksand, Bedfordshire, for a term of which 65¼ years were unexpired at the Lady Day preceding. The document is entered in the Jury Book, fol. 75*a*.

1469-70. *Itm* paid in expences on the harnesssed [armoured] men wacchyng with the mayre ijs. ix d.

Itm deliue^d oute for clothyng atte the kynges comyng inne iij ti.

This year the unfortunate Henry VI was again placed for a few months on the throne. He was released from the Tower on 5th October, 1470, by the Earl of Warwick, and on 13th October went to St. Paul's in state to return thanks for his restoration.

1471-2. *Itm* payed unto *p^e* pryor of cheksond for rerage and in owre tyme unto mydsom⁹ in A^o rr Ed iiij^{ti} xij^o sm^a viij ti. v s.

This payment was a quit rent for Chamberlain's property just referred to, the mortgage of which appears to have been foreclosed by the Company. The houses were in the Old Jewry, near the Poultry, perhaps at its south-west corner. The Priory of Chicksand in Bedfordshire was a Priory of Gilbertine Canons and Nuns, founded circ.

A.D. 1150.

Itm for cost^e & *p^e* sewte of owre lyuelode rekon hit . . . Sm^a. vij. ti. iiij. s.

1472-3. The whole of the "Discharge" or payments of this year's account is subjoined for comparison with that of the year 1451, printed on pages 15-17. It will be seen that the total annual expenditure had increased nearly fourfold during these 21 years.

These bene the paiement^e and necessary expⁿsis made by the said maister and wardeyns within the tyme of this accompte as folowith.

ffurst paide to the Priour of Chiksand for the quytrent of oure tenement for the hole yer by maist⁹ Rog⁹ marchalle iij ti.

Itm paide to John ffroste for his wagis this yer xxiiij s.

Itm paide to Thomas Gardyner oure Almesman vjs. viij d.

Itm paide for botehire to westmynstr⁹ warde and homeward with the Shrifis xxj d.

Itm the same day for a brekefaste to the felauship ij s.

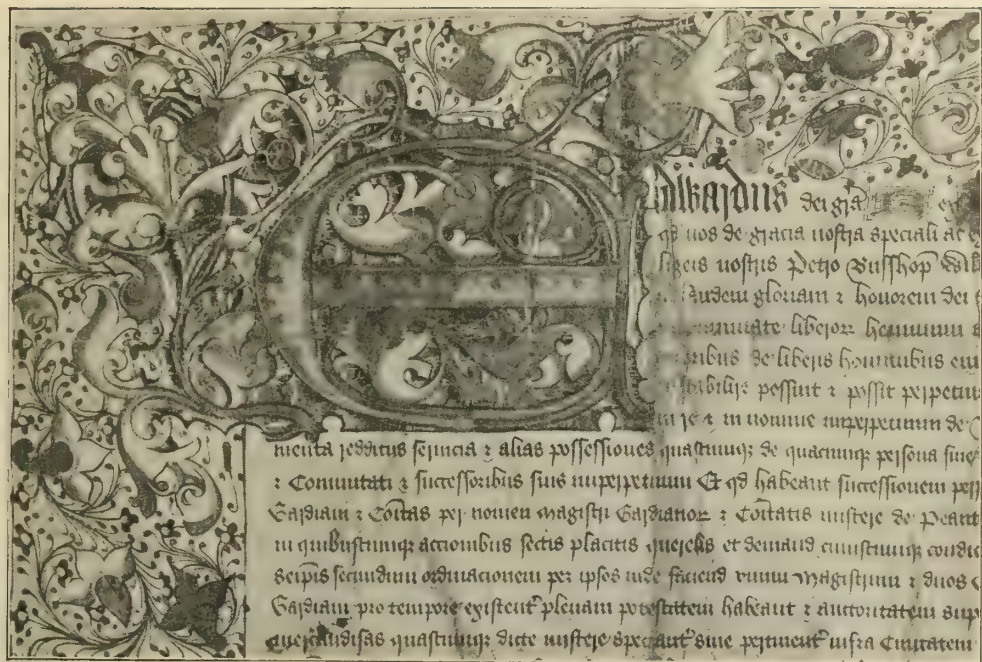
Itm the same day to the ffelauship in wyne at the hole bulle xij d.

Itm paide for botehire whan the mair⁹ wente to westmyst⁹ and to london-warde ayen ij s. vij d.

Itm paide the same day for brekefaste to the ffelauship v s. ij d.

Itm	spente amonge the felauship at the gray freris in the plament tyme	xvj d.
Itm	affer that an other tyme to the ffelauship at the mermayde	x d.
Itm	at the Grayfreris to make up the offryng there	xij d.
Itm	paide at the Mitr [?] in Chepe to a scryvaner and for wyne	x d.
Itm	paide to the wexchaundeler for new wex & makyng therof	vij s. xjd. ob.
Itm	paide to the ffrere Augustynes in money	ij s. iiij d.
Itm	paide to Wiltm Randell for makyng of the braunche	xij d.
Itm	for makyng clene of the same braunche	iiij d.
Itm	they asken to be allowed for diuers exspence and costs made up on dyuerse psones lerned and writyngs for the spede and purchacyng of the corporacon for the wele and worship of alle the craftt and pfitte of the same as by a bille of the pcels more openly is shewed	xlj s. iiij d.
Itm	paide for the ingrocyng and writyng of this Accompte	ij s.
	Sm to ^t of alle these paiementē	vij li. vj s. j d. ob.
M^d	that Thomas Jakson Richard magson and Willm Chalke Wardyns of the Bretherhed of Saynt Mighell tharchaungell haue delyu [?] ed the xiiij day of may a ^o rr E iiij ^{ti} xiiij ^o Into the handes of oure Maistres Willm Crowde Thomas langtot Nicholas Walker and John Cardenall to the ayde and help of the Charge of o ^r Corpacōn as a lone of the box of Saynt Mighell	xxx s.

The cost of obtaining the Company's charter of incorporation (described in the records as the "livelihood" or "corporacion") pressed heavily upon the funds, and the Yeomanry were called upon to help by a loan of thirty shillings from the common box of their fraternity, whose proper style, as given in the accounts of the Yeomanry, was the Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel, kept or holden by the brothers of the craft or mystery of Pewterers within the City of London. The history of the Yeomanry and its Fraternity is of especial interest, and will be fully treated of in later pages.



From the Company's first Charter, 20th January, 1473.

CHAPTER II.

The Incorporated Company.

WITH the grant of their first charter by King Edward IV on the 20th January, 1473, in the thirteenth year of his reign, the Company of Pewterers entered upon its legal existence as a corporation. The charter is a finely written document in Latin, still preserved in the Company's archives. It consists of a single vellum sheet 25 by 19 inches with a handsome floriated border and initial letter (*see above*). Licence is given to Peter Bushop, William Large and Thomas Langtofte, Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers, to found to the honour of God and of the Virgin Mary, a Fraternity or perpetual Guild of one Master, two Wardens and Commonalty of the Freemen of the Mistery of Pewterers, dwelling within the City of London or the suburbs thereof, and of the Brothers

and Sisters of the Freemen of the same Mistery, and of others who of their own pleasure are willing to be of the same Fraternity or Guild within the City of London. The said Master, Wardens and Commonalty shall form one corporate body, with power to acquire and hold lands, tenements, rents, services, &c., and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, and power to plead and be impleaded. Power is granted to the Commonalty or Freemen of the Mistery, to elect whensoever they will and according to their own ordinance, one Master and two Wardens to carry on the business of the aforesaid Mistery, Fraternity, or Guild. The Master and Wardens are empowered to govern the said Mistery, and all men occupying the same, and all servants, stuffs, workmanships, and merchandizes belonging to it within the City and its suburbs, and to correct the defects according to their discretions. The Master, Wardens and Commonalty may make ordinances for the government of the Mistery as often as they please. The Master and Wardens may have a Search and government of all manner of workmanships and merchandizes belonging to the Mistery wrought and exposed to sale within the City and suburbs and in any other places throughout England, with power to correct defects. Further power is given to the Master and Wardens to seize and carry away as forfeited all deceitful and unjust workmanships and merchandizes, which in their searches they find exposed to sale wrought to deceive the people. Of such forfeitures, one moiety is to be converted to the use of the Crown, and the other moiety to the use of the Mistery, the offenders to be punished at the discretion of the Master and Wardens. All Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Stewards and other officers whatsoever within the City and suburbs, and in other places where search is made, are strictly commanded to be overlooking, counselling, and assisting to the Master and Wardens, the Statute of Mortmain or any other statute, act, or ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding. In witness whereof King Edward the Fourth caused these his Letters to be made Patent. Witness himself at Westminster, the twentieth day of January, in the thirteenth year of his reign. [See facsimile illustration.]

The powers granted under this charter enabled the Company to hold the trade in full control for the benefit of the public and also of the craft. The provision which enabled persons unconnected with the trade to

become freemen with full privileges is worthy of note, as it strongly confirms the view previously put forth in these pages that the Fraternity was originally a semi-religious and social institution, its connection with the pewterer's craft being secondary and subsequent probably to the foundation of the guild. This careful reservation by royal charter of the rights of outsiders to membership of a Company of craftsmen points to a custom which must at least have been of long standing.

1473-4. Following the heading of the account of this year is this entry "**M^d** that Thomas Haryson stondyth for Solyst'." The Company were in the habit of engaging the services of a standing legal adviser, but he does not appear under the name of Solicitor except in this instance. The term may, however, have a different meaning here. Harrison figures next year as one of the principal Searchers in country parts.

The receipts for this year include the amount of an assessment upon the "Howsholdars Brthern for the cost of the Corporacyn' of the Craft." There are 39 contributors of sums varying from 3*l.* to 2*s.*, the total amount received being 31*l.* 6*s.*

Rescepe Bid of Butsyd gentillmā for the iij pecē of fauty tynne xxx s.

Mr. Butsyd is described in a later entry as Receiver of Cornwall. He appears to have been an agent for the Company, and may also have been an officer connected with the Stannaries.

Jtm Delyu^{ed} vnto oure brethern þat dynd nat at the Shyrvys for þ^r brekfast ij s.

Jtm payd to Wyllm Suthfoke bedyll for the half yere xij s. iiij d.

Jtm payd for iij vnç & ði ^q [3¾ oz.] of Syluer for the Comen Sealle x s. v d.

Jtm payd for the gravyng and makyng of the Seall vj s. viij d.

The Seal is circular, 1⁷/₈ inches in diameter, and now weighs 3½ ounces (*see* illustration on next page). It bears the arms of the Company, and on either side a lily-pot, with the inscription SIGILLV. FRATERNITATIS. MISTERE. DE. PEAVTERES. I. CE. LOD. This was the ancient device borne by the Craft, and was adopted in honour of their Patroness, the Virgin Mary. The price of silver is seen by the above entry to have been just below 3*s.* an ounce.

Item payd to Wyllm large for the Costs of the Corporacyon
 xlj li. xviii s. viij d.
Item payd for the koffyn that þ^e Corporacyon lyith in iiij s.

This expenditure was for a box or chest for the new charter.

Item payd for the Rydyng of wyllm Chambleyn to Chelmyford iiij days
 vs. xj d.



Ancient Seal of the Company.

This is the first recorded country search. The Chamberlayns were prominent members of the Craft. Robert Chamberlayn, perhaps the father of William, was entrusted with the monetary negotiations for procuring the Charter. He appears in the list of the Craftsmen in 1452 (p. 24) as employing a large number of workmen and apprentices, was Upper Warden in 1452 and 1456, and Master in 1458 and 1466. He died probably in 1478.

Item payd to a Soper [supper] for a peauterere of Wellys and Covyntre
 & oþ^r ij s. viij d.

The Company's control over their trade under their newly obtained Charter extended through all England. This brought them into contact with pewterers in distant parts of the country. The above entry shows that however strict the Company might be in conducting their search for false or unworkmanlike wares, they were not unmindful of the rites of hospitality.

Item payd for the makyng of gret boke w^t ij klaspys ij s. iiij d.

Item paid for the writyng of oure Corporacion in Engelysshe ij s. vj d.

Item payd for a nother that Watts had in to the Westcontre in Englyssh xvj d.

These copies of the Charter were required as evidence of the right to search in places out of London.

Item paid to Stevyn Clerke for writyng of the Corporacion & **h^e** frenshe in **h^e** Juryboke xx d.

Item payd for the expence and costis to Styrbyrg fayere ij hors
xxx s. ij d. o^b.

Stourbridge, a hamlet of Cambridge, was famous for its annual fair on Michaelmas Eve, which lasted a fortnight.

An ordinance of this date, but written in a later hand, is on the third leaf of the Audit Book which begins in 1530-1 :

Here followethe a statute and ordinaunce made the firste daie of October the yere of the raigne of oure soueraigne Lorde the Kinge the xiiijth by us william Crowde Maister of the ffraternitie or gilde of the free men of the Crafte of Pewterers wthin the cittie of London and Nicholas walker and John Cardinall now wardens of the saide ffraternitie or gilde and by the cominaltie of the saide Crafte by there comon agremente and assente in manner and forme that ensueth.

Where the moste gracious and Excellence prince Kinge Edwarde the iiijth by his letters pattent^e bearinge date the xxth daie of Januarie the xiiijth yere of moste noble raigne, hathe graunted and given licence to his beloued liege men Peirs Bishop, william Large and Thomas Langtofte free men of the Crafte of pewterers wthin the cittie of London That they or anye of them mighte make, founde, and establishe, a fraternitie or gilde of a master and two wardens, and of the comynaltie of the fremen of the crafte afforesaide And the same fraternitie or gilde so made, founded, and established, The saide master, wardens and comynaltie amongst all other thinges to make ordinaunces and constitutions at there pleasure for the good rule and gouernaunce of the saide Crafte, vnder certen manners and forme in the saide tres pattent^e specified The whiche fraternitie or gilde is by the saide Peirs, william Large and Thomas

made, founded and established in due forme after the Effecte and vertue of the saide letters pattent^e. As in there dede therevpon made more plainlie maie Appere. Wherevpon we the saide nowe master wardens and cominaltie for the greate weale tranquillytie good rule and reste to be had in the saide Crafte, and to put awaie and amove debate, rancor, dissention and discorde hereafter happelye to be moved and had w^{ch} god forbitt, do make and ordeyne by vertue and auctoritie of the saide tres pattent^e. That the maister and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge and other tenne parsons of the worshipfulleste discretest wisest and vnwilfulleste fremen of the saide crafte chosen by vs that is to saie, A B: C D: E ff: G H: I K: have full power and auctoritie to make all statutes ordinaunc^e and constitucions frome henceforthe concerninge the weale prosperitie and good rule and governaunce of the saide crafte, and to adde and demynishe in that behalfe after there wisdomes and discretions. And that all suche statute ordinaunces and constitucions so made by them be as good effectuall and of as greate force and strengthe as they had ben made by vs the saide master, wardens and comynaltie, or by the master wardens and cominaltie of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge wthoute anye grudge or intervp^cōn to be made in that partie. And he of the same crafte that as ofte attemptethe the contrarie forfeite and paie to the master and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge to thuse of the same fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge to thuse of the same fraternitie or gilde vjs viij^d and to paie the same wthoute delaie vpon paine of xx s ymediatlie when the saide forfeite of vjs viij^d be asked by the saide m^r and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde or by anye of them for the tyme beinge. Also we the saide m^r wardens and cominaltie by the saide auctoritie make and ordeyn y^t when it shall happen any of y^e saide ten men hereafter to die or decease, That then y^e maister & wardens of y^e saide fraternitie or gilde for the tyme beinge, and those of the saide ten men that ouerliveth him or them that so dieth or deceaseth choose another or others of the saide crafte after ther discretion & wisdom in y^e place of him or them that So happeneth to die or decease as is beforesaide. And if it happen hereafter the saide m^r & wardens of the

saide fraternitie or gilde or anye of them to be chosen of the saide number of ten parsons as is aforesaide chosen Then his or there laste pdecessor or predecessors in the saide office m^r and wardens or anye of them not beinge of the said number of ten stande still in the saide number of xij. So alwaies that the number of xij be kepte, and that the maister and wardens of the saide fraternitie or gilde alwaies be iij of the saide number of xij.

1474-5. The accounts now show abundant evidence of the vigorous use which the Company made of the legal and extended right of search which they possessed under their new charter, both in London and the country, at the great fairs and at the shops of individual craftsmen.

Item res^d in the mōthe of Nouēb by þ^e hands of wyllm wilbey whan he Rode into northfok Suthfok & Essex to serch v ti.

Other searches made by Wilbey and others this year in the West Country, Yorkshire, Somersetshire, Derbyshire, and other districts, produced receipts amounting to 15*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* This probably represents one half of the value of the metal seized as fraudulent, the other moiety being the King's due. Besides the detection and seizure of dishonest wares these searches resulted in the enrolment of many country pewterers as brethren of the Company.

Item resceyvid of Raynold Chyrche belfoundare of Bury vj s. viij d.

Item Rs^d of John Brokyng brasyer of Braynford in pty for ētres iij s. iiij d.

Item Rs^d of Nycholas Hylton of Cambrige brasyare in pty fore entres x s.

Item Rs^d of Lambard Snell brasyar in pty fore his enteres xx s.

Item Rs^d of wyllm kerkeby brasyere of Caunbury fore his holle enteres xx s.

With the above entries are similar ones of the admission of many other country pewterers from Coventry, Leicester, Boston, Burford, Brentford, Nottingham, Cambridge, "Oxenford," Canterbury, Lincoln, Taunton, Exeter, Southampton, Salisbury, Winchester, Bristol, Chichester, Reading, etc. A list of thirty-two names follows the "Receipts" side of the account, and is headed "~~Theis~~ ben the brethren that ben of the Contre. Sworn to the kyng & þ^e Craft." The usual entry fee of 6*s.* 8*d.* was at this time increased to a minimum of 10*s.*

Item paid vnto vmferey Sterkey Recordare for his advice fore **h^e** corporacyon iijs. iiij d.

Item paid at **h^e** Tavarn for owre brekfast w^t **h^e** Recordare xj d.

The Recorder's advice was doubtless sought with reference to the confirmatory charter which the Company obtained or sought to obtain from the King. This instrument appears only on foll. 5b-6b of the second Audit Book, and immediately precedes the account for 1530-1. It is granted by King Edward IV at Westminster, and dated 4th November in the 14th year of his reign. Its tenor is exactly similar to the later confirmatory charter of the same monarch granted on 14th April in his 18th regnal year, 1478 (*see* p. 52). The present document is not signed, and may be only the draft of a charter which was never granted. Humphrey Starkey was elected Recorder in 1471-2; he became Serjeant-at-Law in 1478, and Chief Baron in 1484. In 1486 an obit for his soul and the soul of his wife Isabella was provided by Thomas Lok, of London, chaplain, citizen, and skinner.

Item paid fore the Corporacyon writyng in Englysshe xvj d.

Item fore **h^e** Corporacyon writyng in Englysshe w^t the Relese of iiij sealis ij s.

Item paid to John Tyllare fore the writyng of the Corporacyon in laten & Englysshe in the gret boke iijs. iiij d.

The following entry throws some light upon the composition of "Fine Pewter" as described in the Ordinances of 1348. The proportion of brass to tin is the same as that of lead to tin for "Vessels of Tin," as the Lay metal ware is there termed, viz., 26 lbs. to the cwt.

Item for a quartorn[?] wyght of tynne & vj lb di of Copure to make **h^e** sayis [assays] of vjs. iiij d.

The regulations prohibiting the sale of wares by hawkers or any other persons than duly authorised tradesmen at their own shops or standings in fairs or markets were strictly enforced, it being the interest of all the members of the Company, on whom the various charges of citizenship fell heavily, to assist the officers of the Company in putting down these practices. Giles Lakford, who came from Ipswich, proved a troublesome customer, resenting the Company's interference and taking

the law against them. In 1477-8 the Company had to pay 36s. 6½*d.* "for Costes done atte yeppeswich for williã large," and in the following year the sum of 4*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* for Large's "condempnaçõn" with costs, towards which they borrowed 5*l.* 4*d.* from William Smalwode.

It fore the wachyng of gyllis lakford & oþʳ halkers [hawkers] at Bysshopis gate xvij*d.*

It does not appear that the Company had up to now possessed a Hall. They hired the Refectory of the Austin Friars for their festive gatherings and rented premises there for their official use. The Company having obtained a charter and common seal urgently felt the need of a Hall both for their dignity and convenience. It was a great undertaking to which they now put their hands, and of which the following entry records the first item of expenditure. Many years were to elapse before the assessments upon the members for the site, building, and furnishing of Pewterers' Hall ceased. The elaborate details which appear in the accounts show that the Company's determination was to erect a building worthy of their position among the other guilds. The site ultimately chosen was in Lime Street, although several members were deputed to examine sites in other parts of the city.

Itm Spent by Willm Wylbey whan he went fore to Seke an halle viij*d.*
Wylbey was the Senior Warden for this year.

Itm whan a Serteyn of the ffelauchepe of þ^e Crafte were in Colmanstret fore to have þ^e syght of an halle fore bred, drynke & Collis [coals] by Wylbey iiij*d.*

It fore the syght of þ^e place in lymstret ij*d.*

It paid at þ^e place in lymstret whan þ^e Crafte were the [there?] fore the setting of the kyngis money fore bred & alle xv*d.* oþ.

It fore a testemonyall fore Butsyd in Cornwall xij*d.*

Itm fore a letere of attorney made to þ^e Resceyvere of Cornwall Thm Butsyd gentilman John lewis & to wyllm wattis ij*s.* ij*d.*

It fore a letⁿ of Brethered to John Brokyng iiij*d.*

It fore expence don at the halle in lymestret whan þ^e kyng departid fore london in to ffraunce ward & the Crafte arrayd in harneys fore warre as oþʳ Crafts were. ij*s.* vij*d.*

This was Edward IV's French expedition. The king landed at Calais in July, 1475, and demanded the crown of France, but agreed to a truce of seven years with Louis XI, who promised him a large pension. Edward returned to England on 28th September. The gathering of the Company to meet the king was at the site of their new Hall, which they had only just secured. The building was not finished till the year 1497, but a portion was ready for use in 1485-6.

It paid fore John Tyllare fore to have hym oute of preson by the wyll of all **h**^e Crafte xv s. viiij d.

It paid to a kepare of ludgat to bryng **h**^e said John tyllare to **h**^e halle iiij d.

Ludgate was the debtors' prison of the City. Tyllar was probably the Company's clerk, as by a previous item in this year's accounts he was paid for writing the charter in Latin and English in the "gret boke." This would account for the large expenditure of 16s. "to have hym oute of preson."

Itm payd fore the Costs of John Adames man of Lynne whan he browght word to the m^r & wardens of certeyn halkars þat **h**^e said John Adam desyrid to have a powere to sesse [cease, *i.e.*, make to cease] their goyng fro dore to dore & to be a brothire xij d.

Itm to John mathewe rentgaderare fore the place in lymestret fore iij ^aq^t rent xv s.

From this it appears that the Pewterers at first *rented* the site of their Hall in Lime Street, and probably made use of the existing buildings, gradually replacing them with their new Hall, which was several years in building.

M^d expencis don by Willm Wattis whan he rode in to the west Countre xxvijs. vj d. o^b.

Itm fore a hors for xxxix days xiiij s. iiij d.

Itm fore his wagis for the said xxxix days whan forfaitid xxx pec^e tynne xiiij s.

Other searches during this year were made by William Wilbey and William Watts into Norfolk, by William Wilbey and Thomas Haryson into Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Salisbury, by William Wilbey

and William Watts into Yorkshire, by William Wilbey and Richard Magson into the Eastern Counties, and by William Wilbey and Robert Hache into Derbyshire and Somersetshire.

It paid ij hors to Braynford w^t wylbay and haryson for **h**^e halkere xvj d.

Itm delyu'd an indent^a of the Bayly of Chelmysford of certeyn vessell that he hathe in kepyng that is to say xij gret plat^{is} xxij midill plat^{is} xvj gret dysshis xvij midill dysshis xxvij sauc^{is} **h**at were forfaitid.

Itm an o^b^r bille indentid of Willm Ruffe vnderbayly of beuerley of xij gret plat^{is} vj dos' dysshis ij dos' saucerc^e iiij dos' saltcellaris **h**^e were forfaitid.

Itm a bille in dentid of Richard Anable of bedford of lay metall Cast in plat^{is} & dysshis & sauc^{is} & saltcellars to the wyghte of iij $\frac{1}{4}$ of an c [$\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.] forfaitid.

Itm delyu'd a box w^t all the Evydence of oure Tenement that haynys dwelith in and of the hows that Robert Chambleyn dwelithin.

The following is the first entry that relates to the marks used by the Company in their official examination of pewter vessels. As it was doubtless the fate of all vessels marked with the broad arrow to be forfeited and melted down without delay, it is not probable that any example so marked is now procurable as a treasured specimen by the collector of old pewter.

It delyu'd a ponchon of yrn [iron] w^t **h**^e brode arowe hede fore the forfet marke.

Itm delyu'd the metall that was made aft^r the Rotme'ts [*sic* ?enrolments] wherby all th^e holoware makars shuld temp there lay metall aft' in plats Endentid xvj lb d.

M^d that heraft^r folowith the parcellis of the Tynne **h**at is drossy and hard.

ffyrst Resceyvid of a dowchman at hattis key **h**^e xxv day of may **h**^e xv yere of kyng Edward **h**^e iiijth ij pec^e tynne weying vij C vj li.

Resceyvid of Henry Smyth Stokfysshmong^r the xx day of Juyn **h**^e yere a bouesaid ij pec^e of hard Tynne weying iiij^e ij $\frac{1}{4}$ li. xxij lb.

Itm Resceyvid of Watkyn tokare ij devynysshe pec^e.

Resceyvid of John Whithed in lay metall half a C xij lb

Res of Thomas Goode in lay metall C iiij lb.

Re^s of Rob^t Turner in fyn^l metall C x ff.

Re^s of Nycholas Tokare in hard tynne lxx ff.

Re^s in vessell that kam fro Colchestere xxviiij ff.

Re^s of John a Collehⁿ v pyntte weyng viij ff.

Le^{fte} in h^e hands Rob^t hardyng Goldsmyth ij pece Cornyssh tynne.

le^{fte} in h^e hands of will^m Gefferey haburdasshare j devynyssh pece.

le^{fte} in h^e hands of Richard Chaury salt^t iij pece devynyssh tynne.

le^{ft} in h^e hands of John Skowe Stokffysshmog' vj Cornyssh pece.

le^{ft} in h^e hands of John paris ij pece of Cornyssh tynne.

le^{fte} in h^e hands of h^e bayly of Chelmysford in vessell C d [$1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.].

le^{ft} in h^e hands of h^e Shireff of Southhampton ij cornyssh pece.

le^{ft} in h^e hands of h^e bayly of Brygwa^t iij devynyssh pece.

1475=6. It^m payde for costs at the popyshede [Pope's Head] whan the man of Couentre was there w^t other of the felychip .iiij s. viij d.

It^m for dressyng of the same mete & for ffrewts viij d.

It^m payde for Costs whan Will^m of lynne was made fremā viij d.

It^m payde for a dyn' at vyncentys whan the man of Bristow was there w^t dyu'se other of the ffelychip viij s. x d.

John Vincent was the Junior Warden and Accountant this year. His senior colleague was John Whitehead, and their journeys on "search" in various counties cost 9l. 6s. 11d., realising in forfeited ware the sum of 11l. 15s. 8d.

It^m payde for a pyke & other ffysch at a dynⁿ xxij d.

The repasts mentioned in the above entries for the entertainment of the Coventry man, William of Lynn, and the man of Bristol took place probably in the summer, judging from the fish and fruits which composed the bill of fare. The hospitality was doubtless intended to smooth the way of the Search officials when visiting those distant places.

It^m for the hire of ij horse on may day to Chelmysford & so forthe to bery [Bury] to Thetford Newmarket Chambryg & to Bassyngbo'ne for to delyuⁿ the ware to a karyour [carrier] wich was forfet at Thetford by the space of x dayes for horse hire viij s. vj d.

Item for a man ys wagis by the space of xxix dayes takyng eury day iiij d. Sm ix s. viij d.

The above payment was for assistance in the search.

And that the xix day of Decem̄r in the yere of the reygne of the kyng Edward the iiijth the xvjth All the Worschupfull hole body of the Craft of peauterers of this Worshipfull Cite of london haue graunt & bounde them selfe & theyre successo's hereaft^r to cū to pay to the ffraternite & gylde of the same of eury dosen garnesch of rowgh vessel letyn to hyre aft^r Cristmas day next comyng j d. to the mayntenaunce of the sayde ffraternite and that to be payde vpon eury man ys othe ons a q̄tr⁹ vn to the mayst^r & wardeyns of the sayde Crafte for the Tyme beyng where of the sayde m̄ & wardens vppon theyre othe they schall geue a trew a Count ons a yere vn to the felyship.

This note throws light upon the relations between the Craft of Pewterers and its associated Fraternity or Gild. These two institutions clearly consisted at this period of the same body of persons acting in different capacities. The Master and Wardens of the Craft were the treasurers of the Fraternity, but the accounts were evidently kept separate from those of the Craft, although there is no indication of this in the Audit Books.

1476-7. **Item** receyved of Robt Turnour for a fyne of late comyng to h^e hall xij d.

Item receyved of dyvers men of the Crafte for the Watche atte Saint petirs tyde iij s.

This was the Marching Watch, which was held on Midsummer Eve and resumed six days after, on the eve of St. Peter's Day, 29th June. On this day the old ten days' celebration of the great summer festival came to an end. The cressets carried by the Watch and the bonfires which were lighted, are undoubtedly relics of the sun worship (at the summer solstice) which came down from Saxon times. In 1510, King Henry the Eighth came to the City to see the Watch, and was so pleased that he came again on the eve of St. Peter's Day.

Thes bene the receyts of the sayd accomptants of the felasship from the fest of Cristemas the xvj yere of the Regne of kyng Edward the iiijth

vnto the fest of midsomer next suyng as for money by the hole body of the Crafte graunted for the Worship of the sayde Crafte that is to sey of every doseyn Garnyssh for the fest vessell j.d. as it appereth by the names here after folowing.

ffirst John parys .	Robt fforster . . . xxj d.
Thomas heryson . iij s. iij d.	Robt Turnour . . . xij s. iij d.
William Sexteyn . . . xj d.	Willm ^a Chalke . . . xx d.
John Whitehede . . . xij d.	John Grene
Piers Bysshop . . . vj d.	William Assh . . . xix d.
Willm ^a Crowde	Willm ^a Watte . . . iij d.
Thomas langtofte . . . x s.	Beatrice Eyre
William Smalwode . . . xvij d.	Agnes Chalke . . . vj d.
John Vyncent	John Whityng . . . vj d.
William Wylby . . . x d.	Willm ^a Elys . . . x d.
John Coldham	Draytons wyfe . . . vj d.
William large . . . ij d.	henry Stapilherste
Nicholas Walker	John Snaylam . . . x d.
John Cardynall . . . v d.	John Coke
Stephen Todde	William Whitman . . . xij d.
Thomas Rysby	John Robert . . . j d.
Everard Newchirch	Willm ^a Randolph . . . ij d.
Thomas Jakson . . . xvij d.	Thomas maryot
Thomas Dunton . . . xv d.	John pecok
Thomas Gode . . . v d.	John mylys
Richard kyrke . . . ij d.	Richard Bolt . . . iij d.
John Sawge . . . iij s.	John Broūn
Walter Walssh	John lecheford
Thomas Alisaundre . . . vj d.	Willm ^a pecok . . . vij d.
Thomas Nassh . . . xx d.	Willm ^a Chamberleyn . . . j d.
Richard magson . . . xxij d.	John Cave . . . iij d.
Robt mounteyn	Robert hurlond
Sm ^a of the fest vessell lij s. v d.	

The sums paid by the members vary from 12s. 4d. to 1d., a large number of the brethren making no contribution. The list of payments in the following year contains different contributors and widely

differing amounts; the heading varies as follows: "That is to say of euŷ doŷ garnysshed of ffeŷt vessell letten j d. by the hole body of the Craft gūnted as it apperethe by the names here after ffolowyng." Amounts run from 5s. to 3d. "Sm^a xjs. v d."

A garnish of pewter consisted of twelve dishes, twelve plates, and twelve small platters. All the well-to-do members of the trade kept a stock of "feast vessels," which they lent on hire to noblemen and other wealthy persons, and to public bodies for use at great banquets. This was a source of considerable profit, the pewterers helping each other when an extraordinary demand was made upon their resources. At these great feasts a remarkably large quantity of pewter was employed.

Itm expended atte montokks Barbour vpon dyvers of the felasship iiij d.
Itm payed to the ffryer Augustines for easement of the halle for a yere iiij s. iiij d.
Itm payed for jaketts for the watchemen [on St. Peter's eve] xvj s.
Itm payed for Coles atte the friers the last wynter iiij d.
Itm payed atte Barthm' ffeyre in herryes sones bothe [Harrison's booth] vpon peawtrers of the Contre [no amount].

Thomas Harrison was the Upper Warden this year.

1477-8. **Itm** Receyued of Robt Turno^r for a fyne of late workyng vj d.
Itm receyued of John Whitehed for a fyne for ware not sene xij d.
Itm Receyued of John Randesfeld Sergeaunt for his entrees xx s.
Itm paide for a potte bought of the fflemmyng atte to^r hill [Tower Hill] to prove his metell vj d.
Itm paide for a Saler bought atte harbarugh ffayire to prove the metell iiij d.
Itm spent on Richard aprice atte tyme of the Serching of the fflemmyng iiij d.
Itm paide for a litill blakke boke iiij d.
Itm paid Clifford Scriven^r for to serch for oure evidences of the teñte in the Jury bitwene the Priour & Cōvent of Chiksand and vs xij d.
Itm paide for oure dyner whan the mayre had cōmaundid vs to h^e Count iiij d.

Item paide for oure bedde by ij nyghts viij d.

Item paide to the Maires sgeaunt and entryng of the Suerties xx d.

Item spent atte Mairemaide in bredstrete for a brekfast whan william large was fette out of the Counter xvj d.

It is not clear what the Master and Wardens had done to deserve to be sent by the Mayor to the Compter. Perhaps they had taken the law into their own hands in their dispute with the Prior of Chicksand about the house in the Jewry. It seems more probable, however, that the trouble arose through the Company's searches, unless the incident was a sequel to the dispute with Giles Lakford the hawker. William Large, the Senior Warden, lost no time after his release in setting out armed with the fullest authority for another round of country searches.

Item paide by william large for a patent w^t a writte in the same cōmaund- yng the kyngs officers thurgh England to doo it to be pclamed w^yn eũych of their Bayliwiks xxxvj s. viij d.

This is the second charter granted to the Company by King Edward IV on the 14th April, 1478, in the eighteenth year of his reign. The original is a Latin document, in the Company's possession. The King recites and confirms his previous charter of 1473 (*see* pp. 37-8), and in addition, lays stringent commands upon all mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, stewards, and other officers whatsoever, to publish, proclaim, and make known in their bailiwicks his letters patent and all the matters contained in them. These officials are also ordered to permit the Company to make free use of their right of search and to assist them in the same when required.

Item paide by william large for settingforth of the Patent Sealed w^t grene wax and a grete boke the which hadde ben in the Yeldhall by þ^e space of ij yer' & a half xls.

Item paide by Th^e Jakson and Ri^c magson for pclamying the patent in Reigate & lewes xx d.

The inventory for this year contains the following three entries:

Item a Cloth for the Ewry bord contenying ij yerdes & half.

Item delyu'ed a plate of lay metell Endented made after thenrolements whereby all the holow ware makers shuld temp their lay metell.

Nobis de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et iure nostro concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dictis
liberis nostris Petro Ruffhop Willmo laige et Thome laugtofte libere hominibus iusticie de Peantepers Civitatis nostre London ipsi den cor aliqui vel aliquis
ad laudem gloriam et honorem dei et gloriosissime regine nostre marie matris eius quandam fraternitatem suam gildam perpetuam de uno Magistro duobus Salsianis
et communitate libere hominibus iusticie de Peantepers infra dictam Civitatem London et Suburbia eiusdem itine communicantem: communicantem ac fratribus et
sociis de libere hominibus eiusdem iusticie ac alijs qui ex eorum Synocque de eadem fraternitate suam gilda esse voluerint infra Civitatem predictam facere fundare
et edificare possint et possit perpetuis futuris temporibus durare. Et quod ipse Magister Salsianus: Communitas sunt unum corpus: una Communitas corporalis
in se et in nomine perpetuum de Magistro Salsianis: Communitate ipsam persone habiles: civiles in lege ad persequendum: recipiendum in fisco et perpetuitate terras tenue
rent: eadem separata: alias possessione quatuordecim de quatuordecim persona sue quatuordecim personis acris sine lege concedere vel assignare volenti vel volentibus. **Habens** et tenens eisdem Magistro Salsianis
et Communitati: Successoribus suis imperpetuum. Et ipsi habebant Successorem perpetuum: Commune et illud pro negotijs dicte iusticie ac fraternitatis suam gilda deservit imperpetuum. Et quod ipse Magister
Salsianus: Communitas et nomen Magistri Salsianorum: Civitatis iusticie de Peantepers Civitatis London placitare possint: implacitari in iudicio non possint. Et ipsi dictam Communitatem videlicet libere hominibus dicte iusticie quandocumque voluerint eligere: facere possint de
scriptis quodam ordinationem per ipsos iure facere unum Magistrum: duos Salsianos ac superiorem eorum negotia: inter alias iusticiam: fraternitatem suam gildam predictam tangant. Et quod ipse Magister et
Salsianus pro tempore existent plenam potestatem habeant et auctoritatem superiorem regendi: gubernandi dictam Communitatem: iusticiam et omnes homines occupant eandem sequuntur suffragas operationes et
expensas suas quatuordecim dicte iusticie spectant donec extingantur infra Civitatem predictam: Suburbia eiusdem et defectus eorumdem corrigendi: corrigi faciens iuxta discretionem suam Et ipsi prefati Magister et Salsianus
et Communitas iusticie predictate: Successores sui honestas: rationabiles ordinationes et constitutiones pro bonis commune et utilitate eiusdem iusticie totiens quotiens sibi placeant: necesse fuerit facere et
ordinare: valeant absque iusticiatione imperpetuum seu quantumvis nostri vel hereditum nostrorum iusticiationem: Maior Dilectionum et Rectorum Ballivorum Constabulariorum seu aliorum Officiorum seu Rectorum nostrorum
vel dicte hereditum nostrorum quocumque. Et ultimus de vobis gratia nostra concessimus et per presentes concedimus prefatis Magistro Salsianis et Communitati: Successoribus suis imperpetuum quod
ipse Magister et Salsianus iusticie predictate pro tempore existent imperpetuum habeant spiritum: gubernationem de omnibus capitulis et negotijs suis spectant: prout dicte iusticie operis et operis et
venditionem exponens in Civitate predicta: Suburbia eiusdem: in alijs locis quibuscumque extra Civitatem illam per totum regnum nostrum Anglie et ad defectus eorumdem capitulum et interdictum per ipsos
nunciet vel nunciet puniens: corrigens si necesse fuerit iuxta quantitatem defectus eorumdem. **Insuper concessimus** prefatis Magistro Salsianis: Communitati iusticie predictate
pro tempore existent quod ipse Magister et Salsianus pro tempore existent habeant plenam potestatem imperpetuum faciendi expediendi decernendi omnia in de omni: singulis premissis: de omnibus et
singulis capitulis suis opibus dictam iusticiam tangant: expendant tam super homines in seum iusticie quam alios quorumcumque capitulos eorumdem: ipsos sequuntur vel spectant vendunt faciunt vel operant
tam infra dictam Civitatem London: Suburbia eiusdem: in alijs locis quibuscumque extra Civitatem per totum regnum nostrum Anglie et ad defectus eorumdem capitulum et interdictum per ipsos
et interdictum dicte iusticie spectant: prout ipsos Magister et Salsianus seniores alij in inquitur: suis iuribus de iure publici fac: vel vendunt possint: expendant vel operant sciens
capitulos: asportant tangunt fouissent: videlicet de hominibus fouissent nunciet una medietas fouissent illius ad: prout ipsi iusticiam: heredes in ipsos et alia medietas eiusdem fouissent ad opus: usum ipsorum Magistri
Salsianorum et Communitatis iusticie predictate et successoribus suis omnino committant ac venditores interdictum hominibus: capitulos eorumdem operantur sicut eis: Civitatem prout interdictum: corrigens si necesse fuerit iuxta discretionem suam
Magister Salsianorum pro tempore existent et deum spiritum pro tempore facient totiens quotiens eis fuerit Magister Salsianus pro tempore existent necessarium videri: et oportuerit. Et ultimus saunas dimittit:
singulis rationibus dicerunt Ballivus Deuestallis et alijs Officiis quibuscumque tam infra Civitatem predictam: Suburbia eiusdem quam extra in alijs locis ubi hominibus spiritum si qui contigit spiritum in
mandatis quod eisdem Magistro et Salsianis et ipsi pro tempore existent hominibus spiritum faciant in eisdem: expendant prout: interdictum dicte: Civitatem prout interdictum: corrigens si necesse fuerit iuxta discretionem suam
tenentibus ad manum mortuam non puniend. Aut aliquo statuto actu sine ordinacione in contrarium facta esse sine ordinacione aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quodcumque non obstant. **Iuramus** per restitutionem
has has ipsas si qui fecimus parentes. **Est** me ipso apud Westmonasterium presbitero de Salsianis Anno regni nostri tunc decimo. **Hyton**





This was a standard kept at the Hall for the inferior quality of pewter known as "lay" metal. The term was probably employed to denote all pewter made with an alloy or "alay" of lead. (*See the Ordinances of 1348, page 3.*)

Itm in Sadware fforfeited 1xj lb.

Sadware may mean "sayed," *i.e.*, assayed ware, which would be forfeited only on account of faulty workmanship.

1478-9. **Itm** receyued of Robt Turnour that he was awarded by arbitrement to bryng in for certeyn offenses by hi done xxij s. iiij d. to be depted [departed, *i.e.*, divided] half to the Chambre of the Guyld-hall of London and **h'** o**h'** half to the said crafte xj s. viij d.

Robert Turnor was a very prosperous member of the Craft, judging from his contributions, but was constantly giving trouble by his misdemeanours. In 1487-8 it was found necessary to arrest him, and in 1491-2, when Warden, he was fined 40s. for a dispute with the Master and the other Warden.

Itm paide for a pike given to Maistre William Donthorne **h'** iiij^{te} day of m^{ch} a^o xix^o xx d.

William Dunthorn was the Common Clerk of the City at this time; his name is preserved in "Liber Dunthorn," a compendium of City law which he prepared and presented to the Corporation, and which still remains amongst the City archives.

Itm paide to John Armerers wiffe for half a q^{ur} wages endyng on Saynt Martynes day in wyn^t w^t the grots [groats] gaderd atte Cristmasse a^o xvij^o iij s.

John Armurer was the Beadle of the Company. St. Martin's Day was 11th November.

Itm spent atte poppes hedd in lumbardstrete vpon the ffelauship xxiiij s. ix d. o**b**.

1479-80. **Itm** Receyved for iij quartrons & xiiij lb of fyne metall after xxvijs. the C. Sm^a xxij s. vij d. o**b**. *Itm* for xlvij lb. of lay atte j d. o**b**. the lb Sm^a vj s. The which metall was lefte in Smalwodes house that belonged to the Crafte. xxix s. vij d.

The price of fine metal, 27*s.* per cwt., was nearly double that of "lay," which was only 1½*d.* per lb, or 14*s.* per cwt.

And that piers bysshop, Willm Smalwod, Thomas alysawdyr mad a ward by twexste willm welby and willm Sextyn for setting a worke of john hamond beyng Sextyn[?] couand man that weby shold pay iijs. iiij*d.* that is for to sey xx *d.* to crafte and xx *d.* to Sextyn toward his cost ou^r payd.

Item payde to the Bargemen for a barge and theire laboure with other costes whan my lady margaret went oversee xij *s.*

Margaret of Anjou, the Queen of Henry VI, was niece of Louis XI, King of France, and after the failure of the Lancastrian cause, was kept by Edward IV in honourable captivity at London, Windsor, and Wallingford. After the alliance between Louis XI and Edward IV, established by the Treaty of Picquigny, she was ransomed by Louis on 2nd October, 1475, for 50,000 gold crowns. She left England for Rouen on 29th January, 1476, and spent the remainder of her days in France, where she died in 1482.

1480-1. A collection was made from the brethren of the Company "toward the making of ij newe streamers to the vse of the Crafte." The contributions amounted to 3*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*, and included 5*s.* 6*d.* "receyved among the Bachelers or Yeomanry."

In the list of payments of quarterage is the entry "of John Parys in fletestrete xij *d.*" This is, unfortunately, almost the only instance which can be found of the addition of the place of business in the various lists of the brethren of the Company.

Item payed to an herode [herald] of Armes for shewyng of the Armes of the Crafte vj *d.*

Item payed for a bundell of Resshes to ley in the barge ij *d.*

Be it Remembred that William Smalwode hath yeven atte his owne ppre cost to the sayde Crafte a fayre Baner of the hole Armes of the same Crafte.

This banner and two streamers were for decorating the barge in the water pageants and the Company's stand when they gave their attendance at processions.

~~These~~ bene the payments mayde by the sayde mayster and wardeyns for the making of the sayde ij Stremers and other necessities therto belongyng

ffirst payed for Sarsynet for the sayde Stremers xvj s.
Item payed for frence to the same viij s.
Item payed to the payntour for payntyng xxxj s. viij d.
Item payed for bokeram to the sayde Stremers vij d.
Item payed to the peyntours wyfe for sowyng xvj d.
Item payed for ij staves for the sayde Strems ij s. ij d.
Item payed for a cofyn [chest] for the sayde Strems xij d.
Item payed for ale ij d.
Sm̃ iij li xj d.

1481-2. **Item** Receyved of the iij dayes men that were Arbitrours bytwene Willm̃ Smalwode, Whitehede, and Jakson in the xj day of Marche the xxij yer^o of the Regne of kyng Edward the iijth xxj s. viij d.

This sum was the fine ordered by the “dayes men” or arbitrators to be paid to the Company by the party adjudged to be in the wrong.

Item payed the xx^{ti} day of ffeverer in the xxi^{ti} yer^o of kyng Edward iijth to Willm̃ Crowde for the Rydyng ayens the kyng whan he come from be yonde the see and for ware that he hadde in the howse of Whitehede xv s.

Edward IV again landed in France in consequence of the refusal of Louis XI to abide by the treaty of 1475.

1482-3. **Item** bought xj peces of tyn weyng xxxj C xiiij tt atte xxiiij s the C Sm^a xxxvij ti. vij s. and **p^o** of solde to oon man iij pecce weyng viij C iij q^a xxvj tt atte xxvj s. iij d. the C Sm^a xj li. xvj s. vj d.

Item sold to an o^{p^o} man a pece weyng iij C vij tt atte xxvijs. the C Sm^a iij ti. ijs. viij d.

Item sold a pece of tyn weyng ij C d C xxiiij tt atte xxvij s. the C Sm^a iij ti. xiijs.

Item sold a pece for redy money weyng ij C viij tt atte xxv s. viij d. the C Sm^a liij s. ij d. [Three other parcels follow.]

Item bought vj C of tyn atte xxij s. the C Sm^a vj ti. xij s. Sold the same
vj c for xxij s the c. Sm^a vj ti xvij s.
the Encrease of all this tyn iiij ti. xij d.

This was a profitable way of investing the balance on the Company's yearly account, and a convenience to the brethren who purchased the tin of the Company. The practice previously was to lend on interest to members of the livery any sums that could be spared. The price charged for the tin as above varied from 23s. to 27s. per cwt., the difference being doubtless due to varying quality and allowance for cash payment.

Item receved of John Wright for a fyne of late workyng xij d.
ffirst paide for Cariage of xj pecç of tyn out of fletestrete ix d.

This was probably from the house of John Paris.

Item spent on William West Rentgaderer to þ^e said Prio^r [of Chicksand]
to ou'see [oversee] the Repacōns of our house and to be ffrendely
ix d. ob.

Item given to the said William a basyn þc [price] xij d.

Item paide to v men to Ride ayenst the kyng 1s.

Richard III having resolved to seize the throne was anxious to secure the support of the citizens of London. Dr. Ralph Shaw, the brother of Sir Edward Shaw, Lord Mayor, set forth the Protector's claim to the crown in a sermon at Paul's Cross, on Sunday, 22nd June, 1483. The Duke of Buckingham addressed the citizens at Guildhall on 24th June to the like effect, and induced them to join in a deputation of the Lords and Commons to Richard at Baynard's Castle on 26th June, to invite him to become king. The petition was received and the Protector, assuming the title of Richard III, rode in state as king to St. Paul's, "and was received there with great congratulation and acclamation of all the people."*

Item paid in labouryng for the Restreynt of tyn in þ^e pliamēt tyme ou
[over] þ^e xv s. vj d. given toward þ^e same xlvj s. ix d.

Following the account for 1482-3 is the ensuing curious ordinance written in a hand as uncouth as the spelling and composition. It fixes

* Parker's *Annals of England*, Oxford, 1856, ii, 93-4.

the charge for workmanship of certain wares at 8s. the cwt. and of others at 7s. The 4*d.*, 3*d.* and 2*d.* ware would seem to be articles sold at such prices per pound.

Knoing. bi. vs. all. Wirssipfull householders and okepeers [occupiers] of the Craffte of pewtrers of the Cetee of london howe that the seyde householders and okepeers was warned ther apon assemled affore. Thomas. hareson. maister of the seyde Craffte. and John vyncent. and Water Walsh Warddeynes. the xxx day of Januarij the ffhirste yere of *h^e* Reingne of kyng. Rechard th^e iij. In present of *h^e* seyde maist^r and warddeynes and allso being there present. Wyllm smalwud. Wyllam sexteine. Wyllam Wylby. steven Todd. Thomas Downton. Rechard macson Thomas Alisawnder Wyllam Elise. Wyllam Chalke. wyth *h^e* substans of *h^e* other parsones of *h^e* seyde Craffte stablysshed and eu^y parson Greabull that *h^e* wurkemanssip. of eu^y. C. *h^t* is to sey. Normandy potts potell quarte and peingte and Trowped saler is sartyfied *h^e* C. wurkemanssip. at viijs. and whoo ssoo eu^y [whosoever] be ffownde doing *h^e* contrary. ffynabyll. by *h^e* dysscreSSION of *h^e* maist^r & *h^e* warddeines of *h^e* seyde. Craffte ffor *h^e* yere being. And allso hit is sertefied by all *h^e* hole asent that *h^e* C. Wurkemassip of howssold potts. potell. quarte. and peingte. and mesure potts. Gallon. potell. quarte & peingte and halfe peingte. and stope potts. and salt saler^y of *h^e* iiij d. ware and. iij d. ware & ijd ware at. vijs. and so to be wurkemanly wroght. apon peyne aforsayde also. hit is sertefiede by all the hole asent of seyde maist^r and wardeines and *h^e* ffelesip of *h^e* seyde Craffte *h^t* no parson nor parsones sshall not pay ffor *h^e* C. wurkemanssip of Tanggard potts but affter *h^e* Rate of viijs *h^e* C. apon peine aforsayde. Also hit is Grauntted *h^e* same day at *h^e* ffreer Aussteynes in oure assime^t [assembly] by all *h^e* ffelessip of *h^e* seyde Craffte *h^t* no parson nor parsones shall not make nor do to make no maner of ware w^t noo. holoware. man. maker of *h^e* contre. ffro this tyme ffor warde apon peyne of his ffhyne set by *h^e* dysscreSSION of *h^e* seyde maist^r & wardeines. aforseid. And God saue kyng. Rechard.

Another writer has put his pen through "Rechard" and inserted "the" before "kyng."

1483-4. The Company did not allow much grace for payment of arrears of quarterage or even of fines for opening shop. If payment was not forthcoming in money the goods of the delinquent were promptly seized. The list of payments of quarterage for this year contains the following:—

Wyllam Watts xij d. Stres for his quartrage ij pecis an erde dyssh a grete salt saler weing v li and a quartern.

Wyllam Olyffe xij d. Stres for his Entres vj grete platers & x dysshis countfete weing xxx li.

Robard Thurlond. Stres ffor his Entres & a yere quartrage ij bras potts weing xxvj li.

Jt payed ffor sarteyne of **h^e** ffellesip whan **h^e** meire Receued **h^e** kyng oute of the Weste Cuntre xxiiij s. iiij d.

This was the triumphal entry of Richard III into London on his return from suppressing the Duke of Buckingham's rebellion. More than 400 liverymen of the City Companies met him on horseback in gowns of murrey. The citizens presented the king with a petition boldly announcing their resolution not to live in future under the thraldom and oppression which they had suffered during the late king's reign.

Jt payed ffor the grene Clothe **h^t** s'uyth [serveth] ffor oure Courte
iij s. iij d.

1484-5. **Jtm** paide for bote hyre atte the Burying of the quene iij d.

This was Anne, daughter of the Earl of Warwick, wife of Richard III. She died, after a lingering illness, on 16th March, 1485, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. Their only child, Edward, died the year before at the age of eleven years.

md that John Paris Citezeine and peautrer of london deceassid vpon the xxvj day of Aprile in the first yer^e of the reigne of kyng Richard the iij^d and his obit^e is kepte the xxvj day of Aprile yerely. [From Jury Book.]

Jtm paide for Brede & Ale atte **h^e** burying of maister Parys v d.

Jtm paide to a prest atte the burying of the same maist^r parys xij d.

John Paris was the senior member of the Company and Master at the time of his death. His name is in the list of members of 1456-7.

and he had been Master in 1467, 1476, and 1480. He lived in Fleet Street, and left a sum of 10*l.* to the Company, which was spent in purchasing a pall or hearse cloth of cloth of gold.

J^m paide for the sight of a Cloth of gold	iiiij d. ob.
J^m paide for the wrytyng of a Byll of names of the watche	ij d.
J^m paide for the Rydyng Clothynge	1 s.
J^m paide for the Burying cloth of cloth of gold	iiiij fi.
J^m paide to Will ^m Sexteyn for the fynisshyng vp of the saide burying cloth	vj fi.

1485=6. The accounts for this year are of exceptional interest, as they tell the story of the acquisition of the site of the Hall in Lime Street. For several centuries it has been believed that the site of the Hall with six tenements adjoining was given to the Pewterers' Company by William Smalwood, Master in 1469, 1477, 1481 and 1486, whose portrait hangs in the Court Room. Beneath the portrait, a reproduction of which serves as a frontispiece to the present volume, is an inscription stating that the Hall and tenements were bequeathed by Smalwood to the Company in 1487. The painting exhibits the costume of the early part of James the 1st's reign, but whatever may be the date of the picture, that of the inscription cannot be earlier than the 17th century. The inscription has therefore no value as contemporary evidence, though the statement is literally correct. But the bequest involved no gift, the property having been previously conveyed to Smalwood, who was the new Master, with a view to its re-conveyance to the Company under his will. This is clearly evident from the documents of title in the Company's possession, an abstract of which will be found in the Appendix. The property was purchased by the Company from one Henry Nevyll for 120*l.* (*see* the first entry on page 62, where he is wrongly called Richard), and conveyed by him to trustees on their behalf. By these trustees it was transferred to Smalwood, who bequeathed it to the Company. The formal conveyance to Smalwood took place in 1486, but the Company obtained possession of the site in 1475, and began building the Hall, some of the apartments of which were sufficiently finished to allow of a dinner being provided there for the wives in 1486. The

garden was also elaborately laid out and provided with a well and vinery. In the entries transcribed below will be seen a full view of the whole transactions connected with this important purchase of the site for the Hall, including the price paid, 120*l.*—the substantial instalment of 80*l.* being paid on completing the agreement. At the head of the page is written in a somewhat later hand “The purchas of the hall.” The story is amusingly told by these entries: the care taken to obtain good advice both from Hawis and Moore, the men of law, and from the carpenter who was employed to act as surveyor, the entertainments judiciously provided for the principals and agents on both sides, and the anxiety to avoid the breaking off of what was certainly regarded as a good bargain for the Company are naively described. Although William Smalwood did not give the Hall or its site, he was yet a generous benefactor, as the next entry shows, contributing a large sum towards this great work.

ffirst Receyuid off Willm Smalwode toward þ^e byldyng of the Hall & ploure [parlour]. vj ti. xiiij s. iiij d.

Ji Ress of the bequest of M^r John Parise be þ^e handis of Robt lytton x li.

Then ben the namys off thē þ^t have grau^antyd mone to þ^e purchase of the hall. A list of 75 names and amounts follows, the contributions amounting to 45*l.* 6*s.* and varying from 12*d.* to 20*s.*

Ji payd for a dyner at the mairis fest & feccyng in of the kyng to his corona^cōn at tho^ms Nassh howse viij s. vj d.

Henry VII was crowned on the 30th October, 1485.

Ji payd to willm large for almes be the space of a hole yere vj s. viij d.

This was the influential member of the Company who was entrusted with the duty of procuring the charter of 1473, and had so much to do with the country searches and the prosecution of hawkers.

Ji spent on Ric^d nevell & vs whā we brak fyrst the bargayn of þ^e place iiij d. oñ.

Ji payd to m^r more whā we poyntyd oure byll & to m^r hawis vj s. viij d.

Jm payd to m^r hawis & to m^r moore whā þ^{ei} [they] sawe oure evidēcis first vj s. viij d.

Ji for brede & drynk at oure comynica^cōn iiij d.

- J^t** paide at **J^e** salutacon w^t nevell Brekyng **J^e** suerte of **J^e** mat^r ij d.
J^t paid at the secounde syght of oure evydencis or we durst do any
 thyng towchyng to make a bargayn vj s. viij d.
J^t paid to a carpūter for fewyng of oure ground to be in suere of lenght
 & brede & buttyng to make oure evidēcis suere viij d.
J^t paid at nevellis whā we wer at dener iiij d.
J^t payd at myghter [Mitre tavern] at after none ij d.
J^t payd to **m** hawis & maister moore in paternoster Rowe whan edmūd
 sth^ephyns & a nodir mā of Cowncell wer ther w^t the sayd henrry
 nevell & lyke to have broke oure bargayn vj s. viij d.
J^t payd for oure pte in drynke ij d.
J^t payd to **m** moore & **m** hawis at powlis whan the old ffeffōs Schold
 knowlige afore the mayre and an aldr mā the Delyiūy of ther
 astate to be enrollyd at **J^e** hustyngys vj s. viij d.
J^t spent at diū whā the old ffeffūe had done a fore the mayr ij s.
J^t paied at **J^e** popis hede & at **J^e** myghter whā **m** hawis & **m** moore &
 fox of the maires Courte delyūid oure dedis old & newe aft^r they
 were Enrollyd in the hustyngys beyng ther **m** & wardens & **m^r** willm
 Smalwode nowe **m** & thom^s Alysaunder v s. o^b.
J^t paid in ther p^sence for ther last Reward to **m** hawis & **m** moore
 xij s. iiij d.
Jtm paide to ffox for the enrollyng of oure dede & for the wryting
 iiij s. vj d.
J^t paid to pker [Parker] skrevener for wryting & conveying of oure dedis . v s.
J^t payd at bull hede iiij d.
J^t payd for Box to put in all oure evydencys iiij d.
J^t paid to a preest whā maistres pis [Paris] was buryede ffor his laboure
 viij d.

This was the widow of John Paris above mentioned.

- J^t** paid for a quar^t coolis [$\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. of coals]. vj d.
J^t payd for ij trene [wooden] disshis a dos^s trenchours and a borthen
 [burden or load] of Russhis iiij d.

In the Tyme of Wyllam Smallwud maistyr of the Craffete of Pewtrers and Water Walsh and Robarte Turno^r Wardeynes of þ^e same Craffte Assemlyd at our hall. The xiiij day of desembir the ij yere of the Reingne of kyng Harry the vijth w^t all the hole ffelesipe of our seyde Craffte oute septe [except] Thomas nassh be cause of his Grete dysse Ese [disease] that he myghte not com to þ^e seyde Asēmytt In that Asēmytt and Courte sso kepte beffore the seyde maister and Wardedeynes There it was opnyd and presentyd beffor the sayde Maister and Wardeynes And being there present Maist^r Sexten Maist^r hareson Wyllam Wylby Thomas Alysaunder Rechard Macson Thomas Jacson Wyllam Elyse by one Jhon Robarddis sum tyme prentyse w^t Wyllam Crowde howe that the seyde Jhon Robarddis openyd by his Trouthe be ffore All the Craffte that he is A scot born by nature where apon the seyde Maister and Wardeynes wyth all the sent [assent] of þ^e ffelesip of our Craffte makyng this Rule ffor þ^e seyde Jhon Robardys that he shall ffro the day Aboue seyde shall okepy in oure Craffte w^t eu^y householdder In this man^{er} [manner] of wurke To carste To sowde to flote to shave To wyepe To holde the hoke to rowe or to plane And he the seyde Jhon to have ffor his day is labur ffro the ffeste of Myghalmas day to the Anunciacō of our lady iij d by the day and ffro the Anunciacō of our lady day to myghalmas day ffolowing affter iiij d. a day Also this is the Rule Grauntyd by the Maist^r & the Wardeynes w^t þ^e hole sent of All þ^e

ffelesip that the seyde Jhon Rabardes is Jurneyman a metyt [admitted] and that the seyde Jhon shall not ffor loue nor ffor ffavo^r to o [one] man more than to anothir of the seyde Craffete but as sone as he the seyde Jhon be warned in whate plase in þ^e Craffte þ^t he wurkyth w^t all that is an house holder to yeve him ys ij days warnyng be ffor the day that he be Redy to com̄ to his wurke yif this Rule be not kepte he þ^t make deffauute the maist^r and the Wardeynes ffor the yere being sshall corecte the ffauute yif hit be ffounde in the seyde Jhon þ^t he do not his dute he to be vnder the corexcion of þ^e seyde Maist' & Wardeynes Also hit is to vndestande the seyde Jhon Robardes is ssworn to be Trewe to Eu'y man in the Craffte th^t he wurkyth w^t all. And god save all þ^e gode doers of our Craffte.

1486=7. *Receitis* ffor Entres of the fforeyne Brethirne of the Cuntre.

Receuyd of Richard Sele Chepman in the paresshe of Abchyrche ffor his Entres as a fforeyne brother vj s. viij d.

The "fforeyne Brethren," that is those living outside the City boundaries, paid the same entrance fee as the rest of the brethren of the Company, the fee being now reduced to the old amount of 6s. 8d. Following Richard Sele the list includes four other chapmen and one brasier, residing in St. Giles in the Fields, Lewes, Suffolk, Canterbury, and Ware.

The list of contributions of penny money for this year is headed "THIS be the parsellis ffolowing by all the gode doers of our Craffte Graunting by the weke to the sustētacō of our hall a peny."

It appears that the colour chosen for the Company's livery cloth this year was violet. The usual dinners which followed the Company's attendance upon the Sheriffs and the Mayor at Westminster were held this year at the house of William Smallwood, one of the senior brethren, but at the Company's expense.

It̄ payed ffor a paring shouyll [shovel] that Wyllam kyrke boght iij d.

It̄ payed to the paressh preiste of Seint denyce is chyrche ffor offering ffor our hall ffro the Sondag beffore seint Benet is day to þ^e sum of xvij offering days in maist' sextenⁿ is tyme and Thoms Jacson & T. nassh iij s.

The Company having entered into possession of their Hall had now become parishioners of St. Dionis Backchurch, and became contributors to the parish assessments.

It payed ffor a ssupplygacō to þ^e meire ffor our ffeyrs [fairs] x d.

The expenses this year of the “dyrge of our brethyrne & ssystyrs that is passte oute of this worlde” were for a “kyndyrkkyn of gode ale ij s.” for “a chese x d.” for “bunⁿys vj d.” and for “a Galon of Wyne ffor our sseyde potacō x d.” The last item in the payments is 39s. 3d. for carpenter’s work upon a frame for the Company’s vine. Walter Walsh, the Senior Warden and accountant, concludes his account as follows:—

SheBing vnto you all my Gode and loving Brethyrn as Tuchyng of all this Cosste þⁱ is done ffor helpe and comfort of you and so all apon the seyde vyne I yevyde [gave] you all ffrelly and God ys Blessing and myne. And God ssaue all the gode doers of our Craffte.

The expenses of laying out the garden and making a bowling alley, amounting to 21s., appear as an appendix to the account, with a further note by Walter Walsh, as follows:—**SheBing** vnto you one of yo^r syplyste [simplest] among yo^u of this Cosste þⁱ I haue done to the ono^r of God and of yo^u all apon the seyde Gardeyne as ffrelly I yevyd [gave] vnto you all And God is blessing and myne And God saue all the Comenalte of our Craffte.

1487-8. **Itm** receyued of John Here for a fyne for castyng of a pece of tyn of James ostwedde not freman iiij s.
Itm of the same John for a fyne iiij d.
Itm receyued of William Pecke for rebukyng Robt Turno^r thelder than beyng Wardyne vj s. viij d.
Itm paide to John pares Scrivener for drawyng and wrytyng of ij Supplicacōns to the kyng and my lord Chaunceller xij s. iiij d.
Itm paide for botehire whan we went to grenwicch to kyng. iiij d.
Itm spent whan we went to lamehith [Lambeth] to my lord Chaunceller ij d. o^b.
Itm paide for makyng of a Supplicacōn for the Comon house ij s. vj d.
Itm paide to Thomas Bayne Clerke of the pliament house to spede oure billes to be redde vj s. viij d.

- Item** paide to m Kyngesmyll and Englethorp gentilmen of the temple for correctyng our bill and to be of our Counsell vj s. viij d.
- Item** paide at diuſe tymes for botehire to and froo Westm in the pliament tyme. ij s.
- Item** paide for a garnysshe large vessell newe fascioned Counterfeit for Maist^r Speker of the pliament weyng lxxxij lb the lb iiij d.

Sm^a xxvij s. iiij d.

The above eight entries give details of "Costs \mathcal{P}^e tyme of \mathcal{P}^e pliament," which amounted for the Session to lix s. oð. The Company were seeking parliamentary powers to suppress hawkers and pedlars, but did not succeed until 1504, when they procured the passing of a statute. The large gifts to Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the Parliament, and other officials, "to spede oure billes" are not consonant with modern ideas.

- Item** paide for Clothyng ayenst the kyngs comyng to london iiij li.

King Henry VII visited London on 3rd November, 1487, great preparations having been made by the citizens for his reception. The Mayor and Aldermen attended him on horseback in scarlet cloaks, accompanied by a retinue of servants clad in medley at the City's cost. The Livery Companies were also represented by mounted horsemen in numbers varying, according to the position of each Company, from one to thirty.

- Item** paide in earnest for a Barge to haue receyued the quene from grenewicch the said barge aft^r taken from vs iiij d.

This was the coronation of the Queen (Elizabeth, daughter of Edward IV), which took place a few weeks later, on the 25th November. The City presented her Majesty on the occasion with 1,000 marks.

- Item** paide for a wered latice sett in the galary of the hall iiij s.

- Item** for Cuttyng the herbes of the knot in the gardyne. ij d.

The payment in the following year was 4d.

- Item** for the arrestyng of Robt Turnour thelder. xij d.

- Item** ij Spones of the gifte of Walt Walshe and Katyne his Wiffe w^t his m^ke [mark] & name on \mathcal{P}^t oon and on \mathcal{P}^t other Saynt Kateryne giltid weyng ij vnc^e & di.

This is the first entry concerning makers' "marks" or "touches" which the books of the Company contain.

Item of the gifte of the same Wal^t a Standisshe of peaut a paire of golde balaunce and a sort [set] of Countres and a pen knyffe.

The set of counters was for the use of the Auditors in the examination of the accounts. Walsh was the Warden Accountant of the previous year, who expressed his goodwill to the Company in such homely terms. He also gave "ij diblis of Irne to set herbes and a peir^o of Sheres to clippe the knotts, together with a fourme of the length of ij fote and an half for the ende of the high table."

Item of the gifte of William Smalwodde a maser w^t a brode bande silu and ougiltid w^t a bose [boss] in the botom w^t his Armes weying viij vnc^o.

Mazer bowls were highly valued in former times. They had a deep rim of silver or silver gilt, and the boss at the bottom of the bowl was frequently a large gold or silver coin.

The following interesting list of the Crafts in their order of precedence is in the Jury Book. The order varied from time to time, as some Crafts grew into importance and others decayed, following the fortunes of their several industries. This is seen in the small supplementary list, where the Fullers, Bakers and Carpenters gain precedence at the expense of the Barbers, Saddlers, Sheremen, and others. "Mr. Butler," in whose time the latter precedence prevailed, does not appear among the Members of the Company in the records, but died perhaps before 1451, the date of the earliest Audit Book. He may perhaps have been an officer of the Company or a City official. The Pewterers take precedence as 14th.

The order for goyng of eu^y Crafte in the ty^m of sr henry Colet beyng maire of this citi of london in the iij^{de} yer of our Sou^ayn lord Kyng henry the vijth [The order follows the full lengths of the columns.]

ffirst merce ^s	lethersellars	ffruterers
Grossers	hurers	hatters
Draps	vpolders	pattenmakers
ffisshmong ^o s	Cordwaynners	Gray taweyers
Tayllors	Joyners	brasiers

Goldsm th thes	masons	wevars
Skyn ⁿ s	Carpenters	blaksmythes
haberdasshers	ffletchers	bladsm th thes
Salters	bowyers	sporyers
vyntners	Inholders	lorymers
Irenmongers	wolmen	purcers
Scryv ⁿ s [Scriveners]	plom ^{er} s	Glovers
Dyers	Sta ^{co} n ^s [Stationers]	In m ^{an} butlers tyme
pewterers	fffounders	pewterers
Cutlers	paynters	Cutlers
Sadlers	stayners	fffullers
barbours	wodmongers	bakers
armorers	Turnors	waxchandlers
waxchandlers	Curriers	Talouchandlers
Talougchandelers	pulters	armorers
Schermen	pastelers	Gurdelers
fffullers	Cowpers	botchers
Girdelers	wyermongers	Sadlers
bochers [Butchers]	Glasiers	Carpenters
Bakers	Tilers	Cordwayners
bruers	lynendrap ^s	barbours
	ffelmongers	

1488-9. **Item** paide for sedes to sowe in the gardyne j d.
Item paide for herbes to set in the gardyne ij d.
Item paide for hopyng [hooping] of our verjuys barell iiij d.

This barrel, tub, or vat, as it was variously called, was in constant need of repair, and was employed probably in testing the quality of pewter. It was sometimes repaired at the Yeomanry's expense, and may have served for the general use of the Craft.

Item delyued to the same pson [parson of Seynt Deynyse] half a garnyssh of new fascioned Countfett weiyng xxxviij lb the lb iiij d.

Sm^a xij s. viij d.

The Company having, as we have seen, paid their proper assessment to St. Dionis Backchurch, in Fenchurch Street, added a handsome gift

to the parson, whom no doubt they also entertained at their festive gatherings. He was probably Robert Myddylton, LL.D., the new holder of the benefice, to which he succeeded this year on the resignation of Robert Grettam, B.D.

1489-90. Item paid for Barge hire and other expns in the same
Barge atte feccyng of my lord p^{nce} [Prince] xv s.

Item paid for botehire from london to Grenewich & to london agayn vij d.

Item paid for makyng of a Supplicacōn to be put to the kyng at
Grenewiche xiiij d.

The palace of Greenwich, which was restored by Henry VII, as well as that of Richmond, became his favourite residence.

Item paid for the Copy of the new begonne ordin^{ance} for Tyn &
metals ij s. viij d.

Item paid for grayng of a B and an R. in a spone of the yift of
Thomas a Bery ij d.

The Book of Inventories begins this year. The first inventory which it contains is here printed in full, as it gives not only a list of the Company's possessions but a complete description of the earliest Hall with its many apartments and their furniture. The light thus thrown on the official and domestic concerns of the Company is interesting and cannot be obtained from any other source. The inventory was made to serve for several years by adding the acquisitions of each year.

**This is the booke of the Inuentory of the goodys longgeng
to the crafte of pewterers Within the Cyte of London.**

This Inuentary apartenyng to the brethirhode of thassumpcion of our blessid lady of the Crafte of pewtrere of London was made the Vth yere of the Reingne of kyng Herry the vijth Thomas Alysandyr than maist^r. Water Walsh and John hyndsson than Wardens of the same brethirhode and crafte [1489-90].

Firste the corporacōn of the same brethirhode and crafte vndir the kynges Seal in grene Wax lokyd in a cofyn with blake ledyr.

If the Comyn Seall of the same brethirhode & Crafte w^t the ymage of thassumpcōn of our blessid lady grauyn therin of syluer.

- It a patent w^t a Wryte comaunding all the kynges officers hauyng gouⁿance in eny Cite borowgh or towne within this the kynges Reame to doo the same patent to be proclamyd as offte and whan they or eny of them shalbe ther to Requyred.
- It a patente of the same in White Wex and ij othyr patentys in the handis of Robard Burnell of Couyntre & Willm Awbrey of Wellis.
- It certeyne Wrytynge vndir the Seall of the pryour and couente of Chiksande concernyng the tenement^e in the old Jury of London in a box clossid.
- It a Release of Willm Wylby and Stephen Tod pewtrers late infeffyd in the said tenement w^t other deceased of all theyr Ryght tytyll and Interesse ther by them made vnto Thomas Alysaundir than maist Thomas Jakson and John Caue than Wardenys of the same crafte & brethirhode and to their successōs for euer more.
- It an Indentur⁹ made by John heynys drap of the same tenement^e of certeyn yeres.
- It boxis w^t dyuerse euydences concernyng the pourch of the hall and tenement^e of the said brethirhode & crafte sete in lyme strete of london.
- It a Casked loked w^t the Jure booke and certeyn Wrytynge a bag of ledir w^t old rolment^e wrytyn in p^sement an White booke of pap Ryall and a lytyll blake booke.
- It a box w^t xxiiij byllys of pap and iiij obligacōns of dy^us dettour in the contre.
- It ij stremers a ban^l and ij ban^l clothis viij pynyons iiij ban^l chaftes verneshid Rede.
- It a blak cofyr w^t ij chapelet^e of Rede Saten w^t the ymage of our lady assumpcōn of sylu and ij strakys of silu & ij lely pottys.
- It a punchon of Iron W^t abrode arowe hede grauyn therin.
- It a plate of lay metall to assis lay metall.
- It a brasse pot Weyng ^{xx}iiij and x ll.
- to serch w^t It in brasyn Weghtys a q^rl Weghte xiiij li. Weght viij lb weight iiij li Weghte ij li Weghte with a bag canevas [canvas]. It j lb Weght dī lb & q^ra.

*The yiftys of such goodmen that be alyue and they that
be paste oute of this Worlde.*

Pareis &
vx.

If the yifte of John Pareis a clothe callyd an hers clothe of gold w^t the tharmys of the crafte theron browdyred.

If the said John Pareis and Agnes his Wyfe a Tabyll clothe of dyaper conteynyng in lengthe viij yard.

†

If a Tabyll clothe of dyap departyd in tweyne contenyng ix yard and an Ewry clothe of dyaper halfe a shete of Canvas.

Smalwud &
vx.

If the yifte of Willm Smallwud the xx yere of the Reing of kyng Edward iiijth a baⁿ clothe W^t the hole armys of the crafte.

this said
masser was
putyd to
other vse.

Also Agnes the Wyfe of the seyd Wyllm Smalwud a sponne of silu the ende therof wrethed with a wrethe gylte weyng an vnc a q^rt and halfe.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud a masser w^t a brode bande of siluer ougylte w^t a bose of silu ougylte with his armys ennamelid ther on weyng viij unc.

If a collett of the yeffte of modyr schalcke V yerres.*

Smalwud &
agnes vx
etc.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud yaue a brāche of laton for v taps of wax to sete in ono^r of our blessid lady.

sexten &
vx his
daught.
* sic.

Also the seyd Willm smalwud yaue ij brasyn weghtys callid ij halfe hundir.

If the yifte of willm Sexten and Agnes his wyfe ij silu sponys with the endis* & ougylte weyng.

If the yifte of margrete vyncente somtyme the wyfe of John vyncente pewtrre a siluer sponne weyng.

If the yifte of Elizabeth Sawier sherman and doghter to Willm Sexten pewtrre vj dyaper napkynys.

†

If the yifte of Water Walsh and Katryn his wyfe ij silu sponys the toon grauyn on the ende his marke and gilte the tothyr sponne hauyng graue on the ende the ymage of seint katryn and gilte weyng ij vnc & an halfe.

walsh &
vx.

Also a standyssh of pewtyr w^t a peyre of golddyn balans and a sorte of countys with a pen knife.

* This entry is in a later hand. † This mark is explained by the last entry on p. 75.

Also ij dyblis of Iron and a peyre of shers & a fowrem of ij fote in length with his marke ther on.

walsh & vñ.

Also a grete Joyned forser peintyd w^t the armys of the crafte and lokyd w^t ij keys pry^c viij s.

Also payed for the Reperyng of the bolyng aley in his tyme beyng wardeyn with maist Alixandir.

Also the same tyme a book of pap for to wryte all this Inuentary of the crafte.

Jakson & vñ

Iñ the yifte of Thomas Jakson pewtrer and kaŷyne his wyfe a tabyll of cipys [cypress] content in length iij yards and a lytyll bord w^t iiij fete.

downton
& vñ.

Iñ the yifte of Thomas dowton pewtrer ij syluer sponys iche of them hauyng on the endis a postell [apostle] wroght and ouergilte weyng iij vn^c iij q^rt.

Iñ the yifte of Johane late the wyfe of the seyd tho^msownton a tabyll clothe of dyap content vij yards & ði.

Wylby.

Iñ the yifte of Will^m Wylby pewtrer a potell pot square.

Elyse.

Iñ the yifte Will^m Elyse a Tankkard pot of potell.

astelyn.

Iñ the yifte of laurens Ascelyne pewtrer a square quart pot.

large & vñ.

Iñ the yifte of Will^m large pewtrer and his wyfe a towell of dyap cont^t xvj yard mkyd with a dowbyll v and an l wroght with blak sylke.

It the yifte of John Griffith a keūpayne [coverpane] of fyne dyap.

The wyfe of
Thomas
overi.

It the yifte of the wyfe of Thomas overy a sylū spone markyt w^t a T and a b weing an vn^c of sylū.

Item iij pottes called drynkyng Cruses made of the Serchmetell takyn in the craft.

*In the tyme of Will^m Sexten Roðt Turnour
thelder and laurence aslyn.*

Will^m
Smalwode.
Iñ of his
Executo^rs.

of will^m Smalwode a gilt Cup weyng xxvj ounce

Itm a braspot weying xxxvj lb.

Itm a peire of Rakke and a spit of Iron weying xxxij lb.

Itm poleyn wax in a Cake weying vj li ði q^rr lasse.

Itm ij bell Candilstikke of laton.

laurence
aslyn.

Itm of laurence aslyn a silu spone w^t an a tre on the bak & an Image of seint laurence giltid weiyg j on^c q^l.

Itm a posnett of bras weiyng v lb.

† Itm ij platers and ij sausers of peau^t weiyng v lb di taken of an hawker.

† Itm in olde ledde Weighte forfeited ij quarternes ij fourteynes xx lb w^t Rynge and xxij lb of smale weighte S^m cxiiij lb.

Itm in Brasweighte sealid xiiij lb viij lb iiij lb & ij lb.

Itm iij false bemes taken from hawkers provid false & forfeitid.

Itm a peire of Tables to pley vpon of the gift of Thomas Alisaunder.

Itm an other peire of tables of the gifte of Thomas Jakson.

Itm a new ladder of xiiij staves.

*In the tyme of Thomas Jacson m^r John Cave and
Willm pecok wardens. A^o dm^o 1493^o.*

ffirst a stone mort^r and a pestell of the gifte of Thom^s Jakson.

Itm a silu spone weiyng j ounce q^ar miked w^t J & k of the gift of John Cave.

Itm an holowe basyn of peau^t of the gift of willm^m pecok.

Itm iij goblette of a peau^t of flaundres makyng.

† Itm iij salte ij of iiij d. & j of iij d.

† Itm ij weighte of led weiyng both xv lb.

*In the tyme of Thomas Jacson m^r John hyndson &
Robt Turno^r the yong^r. A^o dm^o 1494.*

ffirst the seid John hyndson and Robt Turno^r paide for the stuff and makyng of the bench of brik vnder the vyne in the south ende of the gardyne x s.

Itm of the gifte of John hyndson and Cicily late his wif a grete Chist bounde w^t Iren callid a standard.

Itm of the gifte of the seid Robt turnour a stope pot pond^d vj lb miked w^t his owne marke.

Itm a potell stope brought yinne at comaundid of the seid m^r and wardens by Thomas Crosse.

Itm a pynt pot for wyne.



SUN DIAL, WITH SPIDER AND FLY, FROM A WINDOW
IN OLD PEWTERERS' HALL.

*In the tyme of Willm wilbeye m^r laurence aslyn and
Willm mabshall wardeyns.*

A Beme and a peire of scalis bought by theym.

*In the tyme of laurence aslyn m^r and Willm marschal and John Thurghgood
wardeyns bigynnyng in the xijth yere & endyng in
the xiiijth yere of kyng henry the vijth.*

ffirst the high wyndowe next vnto the bay wyndowe glasid by laurence aslyn.

Itm the high wyndowe ou the high deyce glasid by willm smalwode & willm sexteyn.

Itm the middill pane of the bay wyndowe glasid thurgh by Willm Welbey.

Itm the second wyndowe to the bay wyndowe glasid by Willm marschal.

Itm half of the third Wyndowe glasid by John Thurghgood.

Itm the Wyndowe next vnto the Comptynghouse dore glasid by Thomas Alisaunder.

Itm the wyndowe next therto glasid by John Cave.

Itm half the wyndowe next therto glasid by Thos Jacson and the other half therof by Willm Elise.

Itm the hoole wyndowe next to the gardyne dore glasid by Robt Turnour yonger.

Itm the other half of the iij^d wyndowe toward the northwest glasid by John Afferton.

Itm the oon half of the second pane and a quart in the bay wyndowe glasid by Agnes Crowde wedowe.

Itm the lower pte of the same panes glasid by Thomas malpas of ffeushm Peautrer.

Itm the half of a hoole pane in the same bay wyndowe glasid by margret sometyme wif of John Vincent.

The other half of the same pane glasid by willm Pecok.

Itm the lower pte of the half pane of the same wyndowe toward the high deyce glasid by Thomas langtot.

Itm the ou pte of the same half paine glasid by John Whityng.

Itm in the plour.

the wyndowe ouⁿ the hall dore glasid by Thomas Chambleyn.

Itm the bay wyndowe toward the ten^antries glasid by Robt langtot.

Itm in the end of the same bay wyndowe toward the North glasid by
Willm lynne.

Itm the next hoole pane thereto glasid by John magson.

Itm the pane next therto glasid by Willm peck.

Itm the pane next therto glasid by Thomas Owtlawe.

Itm the hoole pane next therto glasid by Robt Wodwose.

Itm the whole pane next therto glasid by Ric^t talor

Itm half next therto glasid by John Robtson.

Itm the litill wyndowe in the Corner glasid by John hew.

Itm in the Comptyng house.

A wyndowe of iij panes glasid by John Aslyn.

Itm other iij panes glasid by paule Alisaunder.

Itm a joyned fourme there of the gifte of John Thurghgood.

In the halle.

vj joyned stoles given by Willm Baxster.

Itm other vj joyned stoles given by John Baxster.

Itm a fo^rme given by John Browne.

Item a fo^rme given by Robt Elise.

Itm a fo^rme given by willm Crowe.

Itm a fourme given by Willm Richmond.

Itm a table given by Thomas pecok & Willm Jacson.

Itm a table given by John South & piers Curteis.

Itm a table given by Willm Caleis & Willm huchyn.

Itm halff a table given by Thomas Vstthweyte.

Itm half a table paid of the Craft^e money.

Itm pd for half a table a peire of grete trestill^e given by John hudson.

Itm a table cloth of diapre of x yerd^e long & ij yerd^e brode of the gifte
of a peautrers wif nameles god reward hir,

*In the tyme of Willm Welbeye maist^r Robt Turnour
the yonger and Willm Pecok wardeyns.*

ffirst of the Gifte of laurence aslyn and Robert Turnour aforeseid
joyntly the Comptyng house is celid.

Itm willm Sexteyn hath given the Celyng of x yerde di in the plour.

Itm Willm Welbeye hath given the Celyng of x yerde in the seid
plour.

Itm Thomas Alisaunder John Cave Willm marschall John hyneford
Willm Elise and willm Pecok ioyntly haue given the celyng of xxij
yerde di in the same plour.

Itm John Whityng John Afferton John Thurghgood Robt langtot
Thomas Chambleyn Thomas Crosse Willm Pecke John magson
and Thomas Pecok ioyntly haue gevyn the Celyng of the Residue
of the same plo^r.

Itm Richard Taylour Willm Crowe Robt Wodhouse piers Curteys willm
Cales and John hennynghm these vj psones haue given toward^e the
makyng of the ij long fomes in the seid plour vj s. and the Crafte
iij s. sm^a ix s.

Itm the seid laurence aslyn hathe paide for the tymbre and werkemanship
of the wȳdowe atte the steire heed into the plour and the Crafte pd
for the yren werke and glasse of the same wyndowe.

Itm a long spitte of yren of the gifte of Maistres Alisaunder.

In this yere tynne was very scant & dere for C the C was sold for
xxxij s. iij d. redy money.

*In the tyme of Thomas Alisaunder maister John hyndson
and Robert langtot wardeyns A^o doⁱ milimo cccc.*

A Cup of siluer parcell^e gilt of the gifte of the seid John hyndson
weyng xvj vnc di.

Itm vj drynkyng pottes w^t couerynge pynte callid stopes weyng xij lb.

† Itm viij saltes of fyne metell w^tout couyng^e weyng vj lb made of such
metall^e as ben crossid vpon the heed bifore in this boke.

*In the tyme of willm Sexteyn maist^r and John wilson &
John magson wardeyns A^o doⁱ m'cccc & iiij.*

Re^c of the biquest of willm wilbey j maser.
Itm of the biquest of Robt wodhouse j maser weyyg vj oz ij gownes &
ij hoodes sowld for xxxvijs xd.
Rec of the biquest of the good veyfe ellys a tovell of dyap conteynyng
xj erdys di.
Re^c of the byquest of john veylson a seyluer spon veyd v oz.
Re^c of the byquest of john veylson a stondyng Cope psell geylt xix dwt.
[? oz.] iiij grs.
R a ffrokke of Canvas wth a hodde of Canvas geuyn by Thom^s ffowlle.

*In the tyme of laurence Aslyn mr willm pecok and Thomas
outlawe wardeyns A^o xxj^o [1504-5].*

Receyued of the gifte of Thomas gode and Alice his wif a maser w^t a
brode band and above w^t an ymage of our lady weying xvj vnce q^a.
Itm in the same yere R^e of ix psones comyng into the Clothying ix silu
spones.
that is to sey of John Aslyn a spone weying an vnce & more.
Itm of paule Alexander a spone weying an vnc^e & more.
Itm of Willm Jacson a spone weying an vnce and more.
Itm of John Baxster a spone weying an vnc^e & more.
Itm of Thomas ofthwayte a spone wei^yg an vnc^e and more.
Itm of Robt Elise a spone weying an vnc^e and more.
Itm of Thomas vrswyk a spone weying an vnce & more.
Itm of Nichas langtot a spone weying an vnc^e & more.
Itm of John Cook a spone weying an vnce and more.

And it is ordeyned by the seid mr wardeyns and the hoolle Com-
peigny of the seid crafte that from hensfurth eu^y psone at his comyng
in to the seid Clothying shall bryng in and delyu vnto the maister and
wardeyns of the seid Crafte for the tyme beyng a siluer spone weying as
aboue. And this acte to endur vnto the tyme that the halle shalbe

stored of spones for as many psones as shalbe sett in the seid halle and plour² and after that to be conūted [converted] to some other vse necessarie and bihoffull.

Itm R^e of the wif of Willm^a Sexteyn a salt siluer & pcell gilt weiyng xvij vnce di.

1490-1. Jtm paide at the Popis hedde for brede and wyne for our Compeigny at the etyng of the venyson the which maister ffenne gave vs as it appereth by a bille therof x s. xj. d

Neither Master Fenn nor Thomas a Bery (Account for 1489-90) were brethren of the Company. They were probably Cornishmen, and their gifts may have had to do with the Ordinance for tin of the previous year.

Jtm paide for Ale whanne the Cornysse men were at our halle iij d.

1491-2. Jtm Rs of Robt Spurreth for a q^{rt} of the last yere that is to say a Chist in plegge for xvj d and in money xvj d.

Jtm Rs for a bras pot lyng in plegge solde for x d.

Jtm Robt Turno^r thelder beyng wardeyne for a certen variaunce bitwixt hī and the m^d & the other Warden as is welknown. he to stand in favo^r ageyn hath given of his frewill to the Crafte. xl s.

Jtm we bought xv pecē of tynne weiyng xliij^c q^a xliijth at xxvj s viij d the C. And solde the same tynne ageyne for xxix s the C So gayned & encreacid thereynne v ti xliij d.

Jtm p^d to the grey freris for Reparacōn of our braunch and light there by an holle yere. vjs.

Jtm p^d to the same ffreres for dirige and masse for the soules of our brethern and Susters decessid ijs. iij d.

Jtm p^d for brede ale and chese at our hall after dirige done v s. ix d.

m^d that Willm^a Smalwod Citesyn and peauterer of london deceased the xxvjth day of may the vijth yere of kyng harry the vijth and his obite shalbe kepid betwixt the ffyst and xijth day of may in the parish church of Saynt mary wolnor in lumbardstrete of london yerely during vj yeres next folowyng after the said ffyst day of may the vijth yere aforesaid by the maist^r wardeynes and craft of peauters of london vpon payne of forfat of an obligacon of xl.s. [Jury Book.]

1492-3. *Itm* delyuēd to our Compeigny which dyned not at the Shireffs vpon the morn after mighelmas day iij s.

Itm delyuēd to them that went not the maires dynⁿ viij s.

Itm p^d for iiij new markyng Irons for holoweware men ijs.

This mark must have been for the Company's official use, but no record of the device is to be found.

By the death of William Smallwood, the Hall and other property in Lime Street came formally into the possession of the Company. His will appears by an endorsement thereon to be enrolled in the Husting Court of London, among the Pleas of Land, held on Monday next after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (11th July), in the eighth year of the reign of King Henry VII, 1493.

Itm p^d for enrolling the Testēnt of Willm̄ smalwode conēnyng our halle and tentē therby ffirst p^d to maist^r moor for his Counsell . . . iij s. iij d.

Itm p^d to a sgeaunt of the maires for his fee of pclamacion in the hustynge xij d.

Itm p^d to a Clerke of the maires for entryng of the same at the hustynge xij d.

Itm spent vpon diūse of our Compeigny labouryng for the same at iij tymes ijs. viij d.

Itm paide to the Chambleyne of london for the fyne of the enrolment . . . vij ti.

1493-4. *Itm* p^d toward the werkes of the Guyldhall xs.

The total contributions of the Fellowships to the erection of the new Guildhall amounted to 313*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, of which the Pewterers gave in all 2*l.* The work was finished, and a final audit made in 1504.

Itm spent the iiijth day of Nouembre vpon xij psones assigned by the hoole Compeigny to order certen pricē & ordnūnce xiiij d.

This may have been the germ of the Court of Assistants, no trace of which appears in the records at this early date. Compare a later entry at the end of the year 1534-5, p. 136.

1495-6. *Itm* p^d for a brekefast made to the Churchwardeyns of Alhalowen in lumbard strete xiiij d.

The Company left the Grey Friars for some reason which does not appear, and from about this date held their annual religious gathering at the Church of Allhallows, Lombard Street.

Item p^d for drynke at Goldsmythes halle ij d.

This is the first notice of the Goldsmiths' Company, with whom in somewhat later times the Pewterers had much relationship, not always of the most cordial character.

Item p^d to the Chirchwardeys of Alhalowen for our masse xx d.

Item for dirige and masse of Requiem w^yynne the same chirch first to iij preests eche of hem viij d & to an o^b p^oest iij d S^m ij s. iij d. *Item* to the Clerke and Sexteyn xij d. *Item* for spicid brede x d. *Item* for bonnys vj d. *Item* for Ale ij s. j d. *Item* for saffron Cloves & mac^e [maces] for the seid spicid brede iij d. *Item* for eggs and butter to the same brede iij d. *Item* for Chese ix d.

And that of the cxv ti viij s viij d o^b. remaynyng in the box as appereth by the fote of the last Accompte taken out and delyv^{ed} to John Asserton to pay for xv peces of tynne by hym bought the some of lvij ti. xiiij s. x d. and solde the same tynne for lxj ti xix s. & vij d. so gayned and encreaced iij ti iij s. ix d. of the which lxj ti xix s and vij d is brought yn of Redy money xxxij ti xvij s. ix d.

Item an Indentur^o of Composicōn for o^r masse to be kepte w^yynne the pissh Chirch of Alhalowen in lumbardstrete.

The Yeomanry Accounts begin this year. They unfortunately consist of only one volume, which extends from 1495 to 1635. This is not the first volume, for the opening account records a balance in hand received from the previous Wardens, and a contribution from the Yeomanry funds was made in 1472-3 by way of loan to the Company at large as stated on page 36. When the Yeomanry first began to exist as a separate body cannot be determined, but at this time (1495) they appear to have consisted of all the members of the Company who were not "Brethren," "Liverymen," "Masters," or "of the Clothing," as the senior members of the Craft were variously called. Between this class and that of the Apprentices, the Yeomanry (who were also known as Freemen or Bachelors) occupied a middle place. They were members

of the larger body, and shared nearly all the trade privileges which this involved, attended the annual election ceremonies and festival, as well as the quarterly assemblies of the Company. They were probably also consulted with the rest of the Fellowship by the Master and Wardens on occasions of special emergency, when matters affecting the interests of the trade were being considered. They included the smaller masters and journeymen, and their ranks were constantly reinforced by the apprentices who completed the term of their indentures and were admitted to the Freedom. On the other hand the senior Freemen were from time to time summoned to the ranks of the Livery, so that the number of the Yeomanry or Freemen remained pretty constant. Like the "Masters" of the Craft, the Yeomanry formed themselves into a religious and social Fellowship, the "Fraternity of St. Michael the Archangel." They were governed by three Wardens, who were members of the Livery and chosen by that body.

The earliest account is for three years, 1495 to 1498, and the subsequent ones are for two years only, the Wardens being elected for this period, and presenting their accounts at the close of their term of office. The account printed below, that for 1498-1500, contains more details than the earlier one with which the volume opens. It shows the organisation of the Fraternity to have been of a very simple character; the annual religious festival and social banquet, attendance at the burials of brethren, and pensions to the poor, comprise nearly all the functions, which did not as yet include trade concerns. The subordination of the Yeomanry and their Fellowship to the general governing body of the Craft was complete. The Yeomanry employed the Clerk and Beadle as their own officers; and all its members also were required to attend their "Masters'" mass in addition to the duties which they owed to their own Fraternity. It will be seen from the later accounts that the powers of the Freemen's organisation grew considerably in the course of years, and it is to be regretted that none of its Minute Books have been preserved. The three following extracts are from the first Account, that for 1495-8.

Itm paide for torches occupied at our maisters masse keppe at the chirch
of Alhalowen in lumbard strete in the ij last yeres . . . iij s iij d.

I^{tem} p^d to a clerke to goo w^t vs and to write by the space of iij yeres ijs.

I^{tem} p^d for suynyg [sewing] the cloth togider for lire to the same and hokes iij s viij d.

This is thacompte of John magson Robert Wodhouse and John Baxster Wardeyns of the ffraternite of seint mighell tharchaungell of Bachelers of the Crafte of Peautrers in the Citie of london delyued vnto theire successours Thomas Crosse John Symson and Thomas Vstthwayte Wardeyns newe chosen that is to wite of all somes of money by them for the same frnitie aswele Receyued as paid from Cristmas in the xiiijth yere of the Reigne of kyng hen^r the vijth vnto the xijth day of nouembre in the xvj^{to} yere of the same kyng.

ffirst the seid accomptaunt^e charge theym self^e w^t money by theym receyued in the box of the same ffrnite at their entres into their office s^m vjs ij d.

I^{tem} Receyued of the good Cave for wax at the buryng of hir husbond xs

I^{tem} R^e of Robt langtot for wax at buryng of his wif s^m xiijs viij d.

I^{tem} R^e of mr laurence Aslyn for wax at buryng^o of Nicholas Clerk iij s viij d.

I^{tem} R^e of mr welbeye for wax atte buryng^o of his wif and f^{unt} . xiijs.

I^{tem} R^e for q^rtage^e the first yere xiijs.

I^t for quartage the second yere xvjs.

S^m to^t R^e is iij li xvijs vj d.

Paid by the seid accomptaunt^e

ffirst paid to the waxchaundeler for torches & tapers occupied at the buryng of Brether and Susters here bifore named and for the masse of our lady ijs and for mak yng of the braunch at ij tymes w^t iiij lb of newe wax bought & put therto and also for the mak yng of viij^{xx} lb in torches and tapers occupied at the burynge of John Cave and Edith langtot & maistres wilbeye more than our stok of wax at jd the lb S^m xxxiijs.

I^{tem} paid for a chest w^t ij lokkes and ij keies & for a s^qre box iijs iij d.

I^{tem} p^d for papu and Inke ij d.

Item	p ^d for lynyn Cloth for table clothes for the side tables in the halle	xjs vd.
Item	for hemyng of the same Clothes	ij d.
Item	for ij dof trenchers lefte in the halle	ij d.
Item	for the buryng of Willm Wheteman	xij d.
Item	spent vpon our Compeigny at the buryng of Nicholas Clerk ou the vjd given vs by maist laurence	iiij d.
Item	p ^d for wasshyng of lynyn Clothes	vij d.
Item	in expens at makyng of our acco ^p te	xij d.
	sm tol paid is lijs xjd.	

So Rest in the box & brought in xxvjs ix d And all thinge conteyned in the Inuentarie afore writen.

1496-7. The balance in hand received from the accountants of the previous year reached the large sum of 124*l.* 2*s.*

This year a benevolence was contributed by the brethren towards "bielydyng of the halle." William Sexteyn gave 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the other contributions ranged from 20*s.* to 12*d.*, one member giving 4*d.* The total amount reached 20*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* At the same time an agreement was made for regular subscriptions payable weekly or quarterly. These brought in an additional sum for the year of 13*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* The "Hall" now being built was the Great Hall for feasts and general assemblies. The main building was finished in 1485-6, when the wives were entertained, and the garden was laid out. The inventory of 1490 (*see pp.* 68-76) enumerates the various apartments.

The payments include the greater part of the expenses for materials and workmanship in building the Hall. Great pains were taken to procure a good design, the best of materials were provided, and the workmen were liberally paid and encouraged by special gifts. A selection of those items which appear to be of chief interest follows:—

ffirst	Spent at Habdasshers Halle to take a vewe	ij d.
Item	at Carpenters Halle for the same	ij d. o ^b .
Item	at pappey for the same	ij d.

This was a fraternity or brotherhood of St. Charity and St. John Evangelist called the Papey in the ward of Aldgate. It was founded

in 1430, says Stow, for poor impotent priests and other brethren and sisters that should be admitted into the church of St. Augustine Papey in London Wall. This "proper house," as Stow calls it, ranked well among the sumptuous monastic buildings of ancient London, and from being specially selected for view by the Pewterers out of such a wealth of fine buildings must have possessed a magnificent hall.

Itm spent at drawyng the note of the indentures bitwene the Carpent^r & vs ij d.

Itm spent at Hakeney w^t the Carpent^r to haue a vewe of the Deans roof there x d.

Itm p^d to Symon Birlyngham^a Carpent^r in ernest of makyng of the Halle xl ti & j d. & for papir j d. S^m xl. ti & ij d.

Itm for a newe whelebargh [wheelbarrow] xij d.

Itm p^d for nailis for the hurdeyce at the heed walle iiij d.

Itm on the first monday of lent p^d to vj werkemen & vij labourers vs. x d.

Itm the second monday of clene lent p^d to iiij werkemen & iiij labourers. iiij s.

Similar payments follow for Tuesday and the other days of the week, also payments for the week beginning on the third Monday in Lent. Clean Lent is another term for Lent in allusion to the spiritual cleansing sought to be obtained in that season.

Itm paide at Symon Birlyngham's house for Ale ij d.

Itm given to his mayny [Meinie, *i.e.*, people, workmen] iiij d.

Simon Birlyngham seems to have filled the offices of architect and master builder, for which he received 40*l*. He was sent by the Company, no doubt in connection with the work of the new Hall, to Berwick, for which he received at his "Ridyng furth," 5*l*., and a similar sum "at his comyng home." The method of building is clearly shown in the accounts. All wages and materials were purchased by the Company. Simon Burlingham was superintending architect, and the beadle checked the workmen's time-sheets and purchased the materials under the direction of the Wardens, who paid the accounts in ready cash. The details of the expenditure are contained chiefly in the accounts of this and the next year.

1497-8. The gifts of the brethren of the Company towards finishing the Hall amounted this year (the last in which they appear) to xiiij li xj s. vij d. There was "Given also to the halle by these psones folowyng :"

ffirst by a certeyn psone not named. xij d.

Jfm by Thomas Howden taylour for the soulis of Thomas langtot & luce his wif to be had in remembraunce iij s. iij d.

Jfm by John Griffyn Squier of the kynys household vj s. viij d.

Jfm by Thomas malpas of ffeulhm [Feversham] Peautrer C of Shrof sold for xvij s.

The payments for building the Hall occupy no less than sixteen pages of the account, and comprise five hundred and fifteen items. These are of much interest as showing on a wide scale the cost of wages and building materials at the close of the fifteenth century. A selection of the principal items is given in full, preceded by a condensed list of prices taken from the numerous details in the accounts of this and the previous year.

Workmen. Daily wages of labourers 4*d.* or 5*d.*; dauber and man 9*d.* or 11*d.*; tiler and man 9*d.*; mason 7*d.* or 8*d.*; joiner 8*d.*; carpenter (seven days) 3*s.* 4*d.*; plumber, for casting lead 1*s.* 2*d.* per cwt., for casting and working lead 1*s.* 8*d.* per cwt.; quenching lime (two men) 6*d.* per day.

Materials. Asshelm stone 4*d.* per foot, pase stone 6*d.* per foot; Wardens of the Masons, for metage, 8*d.*; pavior, for six loads of stone, 7*s.*; water table stone 4½*d.* per foot, carriage of 82 feet 12*d.*, mason, for laying it, 12*d.*; sand 4*d.* per load; gravel 4*d.* per load; 30 loads of earth 10*d.*; 20 loads of rubbish and 5 loads of earth 1½*d.*; white sand, 31 loads 14*s.* 6*d.*; bricks, 21 thousand 5*l.*; lime, per cwt., 5*s.* 6*d.* to 6*s.*; white plaster, per bushel, 12*d.*; grey plaster, per bushel, 6*d.* and 9*d.*; old plaster, per load, 1*s.* 6*d.*, carriage 3*d.*; new plaster, per ton, with carriage, 8*s.* 6*d.*; load of billets to bren the plaster 2*s.* 7*d.*; faggots, per quartren, 10*d.*; tiles, per thousand, 5*s.* 4*d.* to 6*s.* 6*d.*; roof tiles, per hundred, 5*s.*; tile pins, 3 pecks 4*d.*, per bushel 4½*d.*; timber, 25 quarters 3*s.* 4*d.*; 2 short quarters 2*d.*; timber fillets each 1*d.*; planks, 4 for 6*d.*, 3 feet a penny; oak planks, 145 feet for 3*s.* 11*d.*; "lire" board, 56 yards for 4*s.*; hire

of 8 scaffold posts 8*d.*; evesboard, per yard 1*d.*; lattice, per foot 3*d.*; laths, per load 11*s.*, per hundred 5*d.*; sap lath, per hundred 4*d.*; "hert" laths, per hundred 5*d.*; "spriggs," per thousand 6*d.*; new iron, per cwt. 12*s.*; "brodds" for the smith, per score 1*d.*; great "brodds," per hundred 10*d.*; lead, per cwt. 4*s.*; solder, per lb. 4*d.*; tenpenny nails, per hundred 8*d.* and 9*d.*; sixpenny nails, per hundred 5*d.*, tinned 8*d.*; fivepenny nails, per hundred 4*d.*, tinned, 7*d.*; fourpenny nails, per hundred 3*d.*, tinned 6*d.*; threepenny nails, per hundred 2*d.*; twopenny nails, per hundred 1½*d.*; roof nails, per thousand 7*d.*; tinned hinges, with hooks, per lb. 1¾*d.*; bolts, with forelocks, per lb. 1¼*d.*; 3 new locks, with staples, 21*d.*; "sodeletts" for the Hall louvre, per foot 1*d.*; the carpenter, for 8 puncheons, 2*s.*; carpenter, for chymney mantell, 2 tassells, and new pece over the well, 15*s.*; a forme in the counting house 2*s.*; three forms in the Hall, 7*s.*; 6 fathom rope for the well 7*d.*; carrying the mantell of freestone 4*d.*; allowed to the carpenter for the dormond [dormer] in the Hall roof 14*d.*; to the plomer in earnest 1*d.*; to the Wardeyne of tilers for serch of tile 2*d.*

Item p^d to Symon Birlyng^m atte Reising of the halle the iiijth day of octobre x fi.

This seems to have been the roofing.

Item p^d for xij peire of gloves xvij d.

These gloves were probably for the workmen, as the entry occurs between two payments to labourers.

Item spent at hakeney vpon diuse of the Crafte w^t the Carpenter takyng there a vewe & sight of the halle iij d.

Item for a potte of tree [wood] standyng on the lovar [louvre] xx d.

Item p^d to peynter brikman for xxj m^t of Brik v fi.

Item for peyntyng the potte of tree on the lover xx d.

Item p^d for peyntyng of the Rose on the lover viij d.

Item p^d for Colours to peynt the halle Roof xiiij d.

Item p^d for glasyng of the lover iiij s.

Item a stone of xj fote for the bay wyndowe iiij s. j d. ob.

Item p^d to the Smyth for v wite barres tynned for the high wyndowe in the hall weiyng xlvj lb the lb j d ob q^a [1¾*d.* the lb.] vj s. vij d. ob.

Item	xvj barres white tynned for the bay wyndowe weiyng C q ^a xiiij lb dī [1 cwt. 1 qr. 14½ lbs.] the lb j d o ^b q ^a [1¾d.] Sm ^a xxij s. vj d. o ^b . q ^a .
Item	ij white barres for the wyndowe in the Comptyng House weiyng xviiij lb the lb j d o ^b q ^a Sm ^a ij s. vij d. o ^b .
Item	v C dī of Spaynyssh Spikyngs the C x d o ^b Sm ^a iiij s. x d.
Item	iiij C of iiij d nailis tynned at vj d the C Sm ^a ij s.
Item	a dog of yren for the litle house weiyng iiij lb iiij d. o ^b . q ^a .
Item	a Clamp by the kichyn dore iiij d.
Item	a lok to the Countyng house dore ij s.
Item	a lok to the grete dore xxd.
Item	a lok for the bak dore xij d.
Item	a lok for the plour dore x d.
Item	a lok for the botry [buttery] dore vij d.
Item	a lok for the pantry dore vij d.
Item	a lok for the larder-house dore vij d.
Item	p ^d for vnderpynnyng the speres in the Halle viij d.
Item	p ^d the vj ^{te} day of Aprile to Symon Birlynggh ^m at fynysshying of the halle x ti.
Item	a dormond in the pastry house stuff & werkmanship. ij s. vj d.
Item	lost in eschaunge of Romain money xij d.
Item	pd for colours to peynt the principal posts in the halle xij d.
Item	for an awterstone of vij fote to the Ovens. ij s. xj d.
Item	to the pavior for pavyng of xviiij taicē & iiij q ^r ts ix s. and iiij d.
Item	for v dosen trenchers v d.
Item	for xxxiiij yerds of peyntid clothes in the Comptyng house xj s. iiij d.

These tapestries would seem to have been more in place in the Hall.

Item	for a bulyng [<i>i.e.</i> sifting] tubbe xvjd.
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1498-9. The balance in hand at the beginning of this account had fallen to 6*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* through the large outlay upon the Hall, and it did not amount to 40*l.* until ten years later.

Receyued for quartags of brether. This is a very late instance of an ancient form of the plural of brother.

Item p^d for the dyner of our brethern not dynyng w^t the maire **ffirst** for a ribbe of Brawne xj d. **Item** for ij piggs xj d. **Item** for spice ix d. o^b & brede viij d. **Sm** ij s. iiij d. o^b. **Item** to the Chaundeler for salt and savce j d. o^b. **Item** for floure water and a woman to dresse the mete v d.

Item p^d for xiiij fote dī of flemysse glasse iiij s. iiij d.

Item for carvyng of the porch ij s. iiij d.

Item for ix fote of Normandy glasse iiij s. ix d.

Item for a newe cheyer xij d.

This is the first mention of a chair, but a form appears in 1487-8 among other furniture of the Hall.

1500-1. **Item** R^s of the wardmote quest for the halle iiij s. iiij d.

Item of the glouⁿ [Glover] pursers iiij s. iiij d.

The Company being now possessed of a spacious and sumptuous Hall were in a position to recoup themselves to some extent of the great cost incurred in its construction, by lending it out for occasional or periodical use. Their principal hirers were the Ward of Langbourn, the Coopers' Company, the Glovers' Company, and the Minstrels [[?] Musicians' Company], and the Hall was frequently let for weddings to brethren and strangers, the usual charge being 5s. A dancing master also soon comes on the scene as a tenant.

Item for beef and knokils of veell xx d. **Item** for ij piggs xij d. **Item** for ij gees xiiij d.

1501-2. **Receyued** of M' John Serle Squyer for his obite to be kepte in the Conuentuall Chirch of Bermondsey yerely vpon the day of his Anniūsarie by the space of xl yeres next ensuyng after his decesse dispendiḡ at eu^y such obite iiij s iiij d vj li. xiiij s. iiij d. He died four years afterwards. See further particulars on page 98.

Item receyued and brought in in gaynes of ij pec^e of tynne bought w^t Serles money and more money therwith vij s. viij d.

The new Hall being now finished, the funds of the Company were relieved from a heavy strain, and the practice of purchasing tin with surplus money was resumed.

Item Rs of good folks of the Crafte of eūy garnyssh of vessell leten to hire towards the werk of the kychyn of the guyldhalle liij s. iiij d.

Stow gives the following particulars of this new work at the Guildhall:—"The kitchens and other houses of office adjoining to this Guildhall were built of later time, to wit about the year 1501, by procurement of Sir John Shaa, goldsmith, mayor (who was the first that kept his feast there); towards the charges of which work the mayor had of the fellowships of the city, by their own agreement, certain sums of money; as of the Mercers forty pounds, the Grocers twenty pounds, the Drapers thirty pounds, and so of the other fellowships through the city, as they were of power." In the final audit of the accounts which appears in the City records under the date of 13th November, 1504, [*Repertory* i, fol. 176] the contribution of the Pewterers' Company is set down as 40s.

Item for piks iiiij s.

Item for ffresshe Codde and salt fisse x d.

Item for Salt samon & fresshe heryng xiiij d.

Item for lampurnes [? lampreys] v d.

Item for a sek of smale Colis [coals]. ij d. oñ.

Item p^d to the Carpent^r for the Raile of our standyng next to the pagent in Cornehill ayenst the comyng of the princes [princess] from Spayne xij s. viij d.

Item pavyng after the Railis there taken vp xviij d.

This was Katherine of Arragon, daughter of Ferdinand II and Isabella of Spain. She arrived at Plymouth on 2nd October, and was married to Arthur, eldest son of King Henry VII, on 14th November, 1501.

Item p^d for a quarte of malevicyn and a quarte of red wyne sent to maister Priour of Chicksand v d.

Item spent at the Miter in Chepe vpon our Compeigny vij d.

Item R^s of diūse psones toward a newe bier cloth as it appeth by a bill xxvj s. ij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1502-3. **Item** Rs of Thomas Pecok for our asshe metell xx s.

Item for fynyng and meltyng of the same metell vijs. S^m xxvij s.

Item for blotefisshe [? bloater fish] and Samon	iijs. jd.
Item for oistres	ij d.
Item a pynt of wyne to seth the piks [seethe the pikes]	j d.
Item p ^d at the quenes buryng for xxxvj yerds of blankkett for vj gownes	xij s.
Item for makyng of the same gownes	iijs.
Item for the makyng and wast of vj torches the same tyme	vij s.
Item spent in our halle atte delyuyng of the gownes	ij d. oð.

A similar sum for this purpose appears in the Yeomanry accounts. Elizabeth of York, Henry VII's Queen, died in February, 1503, her funeral being conducted with great pomp, in which the citizens took part.

Item spent at the Cokk and the Sterre when our Compeigny were togider for Robt Turnours beme	iiij d.
Item spent at the popes heed after the buryng of moder Chalke	ij s.

At the foot of the account for this year, 1502-3, following the balance of "redy money" in the box, is the entry **Item** in batry ware—xvij. ti vij s. Sm^a tol in the box withe the batry is xxxij li. xjs. jd.

Also the seid Accomptaunte charge them w^t money Reseyuid towardē a bere [bier] cloth of dyuse psons whos namys hereafter more playnly doth appere.

This is from the Yeomanry accounts. The contributions amounted to 27s. 4d., subscribed by twenty-six persons, in sums varying from 4d. to 3s. 4d. The payments for making the pall were as follows.

ffor ye pall cloth.

Item for ij yerde & j q ^r ter of clothe of goldd at xvij s. x d. le yerd	xl s. & j d.
Item for iiij yerds & of blac veluet at xjs. & j d. le yerd	xxxiijs. iiij d.
Item for iiij myghells at iiij s. le pece [Figures of St. Michael]	xvj s.
Item for strakys at ij s. le pece	vij s.
Item for xij flouers of goldd at xix d.	xix s.
Item for v yerde & di q ^r ter of blew bokeram at v d. le yerd	ij s. jd

Jfm vij oncz & di of silk frence of dyus colours at xiiij d. le oncz viij s. j d.
S^m to^l vj li. ix s. ij d.

The following interesting ordinances relating to the use of the pall, the annual religious meeting, and the accounts of the Yeomanry's Fraternity of St. Michael are also from the Yeomanry accounts.

Ordinancis made the xxix day of november In the xx yere of the reynge of kyng henry the vijth It was ordyned & astablyshed by the adwyse of the master & wardeyns wyth all the hole body of the felaschip of peauterers wyth In the cyte of london that where a clothe called a poll clothe ordyned & made In the tyme of peter curteys Nycholas langtoft & Wyllm Jaxson then beyng wardeyns of the fraternite of seynt myghell the archangell for the brethern & sistern of the same fraternite as well for y^e poure as the ryche payng ther dwetes to y^e seid ffrat^rnite.

Provided allwey that y^e forseid clothe schall remayne with In the hall & that Willm^a kirk bedell or his Successours schall alwey be redy to bere forthe the seid clothe & he to haue for his laboure & for warnyng of the brethern iiij d. of the party that settyth hym a werk & if he or they be not able that then the bedell to be paid by the seid wardens & they to be aloued In ther accompt for the same.

ffurthermore it is inacted & agrede by the aforseid master & wardens w^t the hole company that when & as often as any of the seid brethern beyng lawfully warned by the bedell Cum not to y^e seid plase alynnted & at the oure assigned that then the party so absentyng hym self as ofte as he so doythe shall pay with ought fauer iiij d. to the encres & profyt of the seid fraternite.

Moreou it was ordyned & agrede the day & yere afore namid by the
aforseid master & wardens w^t all the hole company that where of a gode
& avncyent custom a masse for the brethern & sistern of the fraternite of
seynt myghell the archangell kept In the freers augustyns In london on
the sonday next after myghell^ms day shall allwey so be contynued & on
the morow next enswyng the dyn^r to be made if any that yere schall be
& that with In the space of xiiij days next after the same day the seid
wardeyns shall be redy & bryng In ther accompte apon payne of eu^eych
of them to pay iij s. iiij d.

And also it is agrede that euy wardeyns for the tyme beyng shall as well bryng In ther bills of quarterege & of all other reseite & paymente & of euy pcell of them as of all other thyngē conteynid In the Inventory apon payne afore seid.

1503-4. *Itm* p^d for vj quarters colis for the hoole yere ij s. iij d.

Itm spent vpon the prio^r of Chiksand at the Rose vj d.

Itm delyued to Willm kirk for beryng of our buryng cloth to thobite of Willm Wilbeye iiij d.

Itm for boylyng burnysshyng of ij Cuppes And mendyng of a vice and the knoppe xvj d.

Itm p^d for iij Rolls and the Couyngs of damask w^t the werkmanship.

Itm for ij lilly potts of siluer xij s. iiij d.





PORTION OF THE STAND CLOTH, WITH A ROSE,
ONE OF THE COMPANY'S EMBLEMS.



CHAPTER III.

Trade Legislation.

IN 1503-4 a most important statute, 19 Henry VII, c. 7, was passed by Parliament to limit the power of the Companies in making ordinances. A similar statute had been made in 1437 (15 Henry VI, c. 6), ordering guilds and incorporate companies to have their charters duly recorded before justices of the peace, but had been very little regarded. The preamble states that these bodies oftentimes made unlawful and unreasonable ordinances "for their own profit and common damage to the people," and for remedy the Justices are empowered to revoke and repeal such ordinances; those attempting afterwards to enforce them being liable to a fine of 10*l.* for each offence. Henry VII's new statute enacted that "no masters wardens and fellowships of crafts or misteries or any of them, nor any rulers of gilds and fraternities take upon them to make any acts or ordinances, but if the same acts be examined and approved by the Chancellor, Treasurer of England, and Chief Justices of either Bench, or three of them; or before the Justices of Assizes in their circuit." The preamble alleges that "masters, wardens and people of gilds, fraternities and other companies corporate, dwelling in divers parts of the realm, oftentimes, by colour of rule and governance to them granted and confirmed by charters and letters patent of divers kings, make among themselves many unlawful and unreasonable ordinances as well in prices of wares as other things for their own singular profit and to the common hurt and damage of the people." A further clause provided that "none of the same bodies corporate take upon them to make any acts or

ordinances to restrain any person or persons to sue to the King's Highness or to any of his Courts, for due remedy to be had in their causes, nor put or execute any penalty or punishment upon any of them for any such suit, to be made upon pain of forfeiture of 40*l*." This enactment abolished the rule which had so long existed in this and other Companies that no member should sue in the king's courts without leave.

Item for money taken out of the box and spent in the pliaiment tyme as it appereth by bills of the pcells therof x li xvij s.

The expenditure in the above entry was incurred by the Company in procuring the passing an important statute to suppress hawking and the use of false weights. This Act, 19 Henry VII, cap. 6, immediately precedes on the statute book the more general one described above, which concerned all the companies; its importance justifies its being transcribed at length. It was, together with later statutes, reprinted by the Company as recently as 1741, and it contains the first compulsory enactment for the affixing of the makers' marks or "touches" upon all vessels of pewter made by them. The practice was, however, in use, though not compulsory, for many years previous to this Act.

Pewterers' Warkynge.

Humbly and lamentably shewen and complayn unto your most habundaunt gr^{ce} your humble Subjecte the Pewetters and Brasiers of yo^r Citees of London and York, and all other plac^e of this your Realme, That Whereas many simple and evil disposed psons of this your Realme of Engeland, using the said Crafts, daily go about this your Reame from Village [to Village], from Towne [to Towne] and from Howse to Howse, as well in Woddes and Forest^e and in other plac^e to bye Peweter and brasse, and that knowyng theves and other pikars, that steale as well Peauter and brass belongyng to yo^r Highnes and undre yo^r mark and to the Lorde spu^eell and temporell as to other yo^r Subjecte of this your Realme [byyng] such stolen vessell unto theym in such hyde plac^e to sell, and it sell for litill or nought and aboutght they bryng it to pryve plac^e or into Corners of Citees or Townes and ther sell much part of hit to straunge, the which carys it o^v the See by stelth; also the seid p sons so goyng abowte, and dy^vs others usyng the seid Craftys, use to make newe Vessell and

myxith gode metell and badd togider and make it nought and sell theym for gode stuff wher in dede the stuff and metell therof is nought worth the fourth parte that it is sold for, to the greate hurte deseit and losses of your Subjecte; Also dyvs psons usyng the seid Crafte have deceivable and untrew Beames and Scales that one of theym wold stand even with xij ſti weight at one end ayenst a quarter of a ſti at the other end, to the synguler av^tage of theym self and greate deseite and losse of your seid Subjecte byers and sellers with theym; For reformation of the pmysses it wold please your Highnes of your most habundaunt g^ace with thadvise of yo^r Lordē sp^uall and tempall and the Comons in this p^sent pliamēt assembled by thauctorite of the same to enacte and stablissh that no pson nor psons usyng the seid Craftez of Peweterers and Braseers from hensforth shall sell or chaunge eny Peweter or brasse newe or old at eny place or places within this your Realme, but only in opyn fayres or Markette or in their owne duellyng Houses, but if they be desired by the seid byers of such ware, uppon payne of forfeiture to our So^veigne Lord the Kyng for ev^y such default x ſti.

Also that by the same auctorite it may be enacted and establisshed that no pson nor psons, of what condicion or degree so ev^y he or they be of, from hensforth within the seid Citees of London and Yorke or without, either cast or werk eny pewet^r vessell or brasse at eny place or placys w^yn this your Realme, but that it be as gode fyne metall as is the peweter and brasse caste & wroughte aft^r the p^rite goodnes of the same withyn the Citie of London, and by the Statute of the same owght to be, uppon payne of forfeiture of all such Peuter and brasse so cast and wrought of worsse peauter or brasse then ought to be wrought in the same Citees, That oon half of ev^y such forfeiture to be to thuse of your Highnes, and that other half to the use of the fynders therof. Provided alwey that this forfeiture in no wise stretchē ne extend to brasse or peauter beyng in the p^ossion of eny pson other then the werkers of the same, or such as have the same to sell and beyng of the Craftē Maisterye.

Also that it may be [by] the same auctorite be enacted and establisshed, that no maⁿe of pson ne psons of what degree or condicion soev^r he or they be of from hensforth make no holowe wares of Peauter, that is to say Saltes and Pottē that is made of Peweter called Ley Metell,

but that it may be af^t the Assise of Peauter Ley Metell wrought within the Cite of London; and that the makers of such wares shall marke the same wares with se^vall marke of their owne to þe entent that the [markers] of such wares shall avowe the same Wares by theym as is above-seid to be wrought, and that all and evy of such wares not sufficiently made and wrought and not marked in fourme abovesaid, founden in the possession of the same maker or seller to be forfeited, And if the same Ware be sold the seid maker to forfeite the value of the same Waare so unlawfully wrought and sold, the oon half of the seid Waares or the moytie of the value therof to be to the use of your Highnes and the other half to be to the use of the fynder or fynders or Serchers therof.

Also that it may be the same auctorite be enacted and establisshed, that if eny pson or psons heraf^t usyng bying and sellyng of Peweter or brasse that heraf^t occupie any deceyvable or fals Beames or weightez of the seid Waares, that evy suche pson or psons usyng and occupying such deceyvable and untrewē Beames or weightē to forfeite xxs. the on half to the Kyng and the other half to the ptie that therfor shall sewe by accion of dette, And that in the seid accion no pteccion nor essoyn shalbe allowed: And also the seid ptie, so offendyng shall forfeite his beame to hym that shall sease it; and if the seid offender or offendours be not sufficient to pay the seid some or somes by theym so forfeited, that then it shalbe lawfull to the Mayres Baylifs, and other hede officers of such place or place wher eny such offendours shalbe founde, to put theym into the Stokke and theym so to kepe till the next Market day next adjoynyng, and in that market place to put theym in the Pillory all the market tyme.

And furthermore that it be lawfull by the seid auctorite that the Maister and Wardens of the seid crafte of Pewetrers within evy Cite and Borowe of this Realme wher such Wardens ar, and wher no such Wardens ar the hed or Gouvⁿour of the same Citee or Borough, to appoynt etene psons most expte in knowlege of the same to make serch within the seid Citees and Boroughes wher they duell; And ov^r this the Justicez of Peas within evy Shire at their gen^l Sessions holden at Mighelmas shall assigne and appoynt too etayn psons havyng experiens therin to make serche in the þmysses in evy part of that Shire, aswell

within the fraunches as withowte savyng in Citees or Boroughs where Serchers be appoynted by the hedde or Gouv'nours of the same; And that of all such unlawfull Peweter or Brasse as the seid Sercho's shall fynde, the oon halfe to the use of your G^ace and the other half to the seid Serchours; and that in the defaulte of the seid Maister and Wardeyns of the seid Occupacions not serchyng in fourme as is aforesaid, and wherby that eny such unlawfull metell is caste or made or unlawfull weighte used, that then it shalbe lawefull to eny pson or psons havynge sufficient connyng and knowlege in the seid occupacions, by ov'sight of the Mayrez Baillifs or hedd offi'cs of the seid Citees and Boroughs, to serche all the seid place and to put the seid auctorite and acte in execucion in fourme aforesaid. **PROVYDED** allwey that this p'sent acte contynue and endure till the next Parliament and no lenger. [*The Statutes of the Realm*, Vol. II, 1816, pp. 651-2.]

1504-5. **I^{tem}** Rec^d of thenquest of Wardemote for their easement in our halle iiij s.

I^{tem} R^s of the Coupers for their easment of the hall iiij s.

I^{tem} R^s of ix of our brethern taken into Clothyng the xiiijth day August whose names hereafter folowe of eu^y of theyme a siluer spone weiyng an onz and more

I^{tem} R^s for the kyngs pte and Oure of men in the Contrey in our ridyng aboute the land v li. & xxij d.

Under the Company's charter one half the value of all false wares seized was paid to the King, the other half being the property of the Company.

ffirst taken out of the box for almanⁿ [all manner of] ffees gifts and expens^s for the confirmacion of our chartre & for a Ridyng patent vij li. & x d.

This charter, granted by King Henry VII on 19th March, in the 20th year of his reign, is not now in the Company's possession. It recites and confirms the charter of 13 Edward IV. A copy is preserved at the Public Record Office (Exchequer 2. R. Memoranda, Mich. 21 Henry VII, Roll 24).

I^{tem} p^d for the kyngs pte of the money Receyued in the Contrey
xix s. iiij d.

1505-6. quarterage of Brethern & Susters. Sir Robt Aslyn xij d.

He heads the list until 1515, when his name disappears. He may have been the Company's mass priest, or have joined the Company originally as a working member of the trade. In the accounts of 1530-1, he appears as Sub-Dean of St. Paul's. There were several Astlyns on the roll of membership.

Item for the first yeres mynd of John Serle which must be contynved the space of xl yeres w'yn the Conuentuell Chirch of Bermondsey on the peyne of v s. eūy yere in which it shal happen to be lefte vndone to be kepte yerely the xvij day of Nouembre as it appereth in the bigynnyng of the Jurie boke iij s. iij d.

The entry in the Jury Book is as follows:—

md that John Serle esquier decessid the xvij day of Nouembre in the xx^{ti} yere of the Reigne of kyng henry the vijth the which John Serle gave to the Crafte of peautrers vj li xiijs iij d for his obite yerely to be kepte w'yn the monasterie of Bermondsey by the space of xl yeres next ensuyng after the seid xvij day of Nouembre expending at eūy such obite iij s iij d to be delyued to thabbot and Couent of the seid monasterie by the maister of the seid crafte or by oon of the Wardeyns or the bedill of the seid Crafte to bigynne the xvij day of Nouembre in the xxj yer^o of king henr^o the vij a^o dni^o m v C and five.

Item receyuid of maister larans ashleyn for vj torchys for Roberd Ellys Beryng weying a C xv lb. S^m vjs. iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1506-7. **Item** p^d to Willm Kirk our bedill for the hoolle yer
xxxij s. viij d.

Item p^d to Willm kirke for dressyng of our gardyn and Cuttyng of the
vyne xij d.

Item p^d to p^{es}ts and Clerks for masse and ryngyng of the bells iij s. iij d.

1508-9. **Payed** for makyng of our standyng at coronacion of kyng x s.

This was the Coronation of Henry VIII, which took place at Westminster on 24th June, 1509. The funeral of Henry VII in his Chapel at Westminster Abbey was on 10th May.

Payed for vj Tortchess at the kyngs beryng for wast of ij^{li} xij d.

¶ayed for beryng & werkmanschep of the sayd torches ij s. viij d.
 iij s. viij d.
¶fm paide to the churche wyndowe glasyng of Seint dyones Bakchurche
 of london xij s. iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1509-10. The accounts for this period are very beautifully written, the initial letters being fine examples of the best writing of the day.

¶fm R^s of good men of the Craft toward ij garnesh & di of vessel in
 mettall iij^{xx}l iij^l iiij^l tt.

¶fm Reseyved in money of good folke of the kraft toward our vessel
 xix s. ij d.

This large sum must have purchased a very handsome service of pewter for the use of the Company in their Hall. In a marginal note is "y^e facion is geven," an early instance of the curious transformation into the letter "y" of the old thorn letter "þ," i.e. "th."

¶fm for a markyng Iren of the strake of Teyn & lallepott . . . xvj d.

This marking iron must have been for official use, and was probably employed to denote good quality, just as the broad arrow (*ante*, p. 47) was used for the forfeit mark. The entry is interesting from the light it throws on the nature of the "strakes" or "strikes," which are charges in the Company's coat of arms. From the description here given they would appear to be ingots of tin, although the object of piercing them in so many places and with such regularity is not at all clear.

1510-11. **Reseyved** of the mynstrells for kepyng ther dyner at our halle ij s. Also of the "inquest of wardmot," iij s. iij d., and of the "Coupers" vj s. viij d.

¶fm Bought A Sertyn of laīns Skyñes Towed for gloves or pursses wher of
 brought in of cler gayne vj s. viij d.

This mode of investing the year's balance was a new departure, and did not form a precedent. The warden accountant for the year was probably a judge of white leather, and took advantage of the state of the market for the benefit of the Company. To taw is defined as "to dress and prepare in white, as the skins of sheep, lambs, goats, and kids, for gloves, and the like, by imbuing them with alum, salt, and other

materials." The investment may have been made through the Company of Glovers or Pursers, who rented Pewterers' Hall. See the accounts of 1500-1, p. 87.

1511-12. *Obets.* ffirst for a masse kepte at Alhalou on our lady day & dirge at after Noon & mas on the morn payed to the pyssh prest viij d. To s^r Herry vj d. to s^r Willm^a iiij d. to s^r Thom^as iiij d. to belgraves prest iiij d. to warnars prest iiij d. to gollsborowe prest iiij d. to Roger lawdall iiij d. to the Clark iiij s. iiij d. *Itm* to the Sexteyn ij d. for Spice bonnes & kaks ijs. vj d. for a kelderbyn of ale ijs. *Itm* payed to the Chandillar for werkmanschepe & Newe wexe for our branche at Alhallen viij s. for making Clenne of the branche viij d. Som^a xx s. x d. *Itm* payed for master Sexteyns obitte kepte at Saint bennet fenke vj s. viij d. *Itm* payed for Serles Obit kepte at Seint Saveours iij s. iiij d.

Itm payed to mⁿ morgayn for making of a Suplcacion to my lord the maire xij d.

Itm payed to the Comon Cryar for berryng [bearing] vp a bill iiij d.

Itm payed at the Dagar in Schepe whan we labort to y^e maire ffor brekfast vj d.

The subject of the Company's Supplication to the Lord Mayor cannot be traced, but it was certainly not of great moment, as the expenditure amounted to less than 2s.

1512-13. *Payed* for the confermacion our Corpacion and of the letter pattent & other copyes v li. xvij s. xj d.

This year the Charter was again confirmed by an *Inspeximus* of the new king, Henry VIII, on 24th January in the fourth year of his reign. The original is one of the most beautiful of the charters in the Company's possession, and is reproduced in the accompanying illustration. King Henry recites and confirms the Charter of 20 Henry VII.

At the same time the Company procured an Act of Parliament (4 Henry VIII, c. 7), confirming and extending the Act of 19 Henry VII, c. 6. The tenor of the Act is as follows:—

To the King our Sovereign Lord and the honorable Lords spiritual and temporal and the commons in this present Parliament assembled.

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For as much as a certain act was made and established in the Parliament holden at Westminster the 19th year of the reign of the late most famous King Your Father Henry the VIIth whom God pardon concerning Pewterers and brasiers hawking and walking about the country and also concerning the false beams scales and weights with a provision for castyng of fyne metall and of perfect goodness which acte was made to endure to the next parliament the tenour whereof hereafter ensueth. "That wher many symple and evyll disposed persons &c." [See Statute 19 Hen. VII, c. 6, printed on pp. 94-7.]

Please it therfore your Grace and Wisdomes in so moche as the said Acte is thought good and pfitable that it be ordeyned and enacted and establisshed by the Lordes spiually and temporall and the Comons in this p̄sent pliamēt assembled and by the auctoritie of the same that the said Acte may endure for ev̄. And ov̄ that be it enacted by the said auctorite that if any untrue or deceyvable metall or workmanship of Tynn or Peauter be founde either in Platters Chargers, disshes, sawsers Potengers trenchers Basyns, flagons botelle pottē salsellers Goblette spones Cruette or candelstikke, or any other suche Wares of Tynne or peauter wher so ev̄ it be caste made or wrought within this Realme or with oute and brought to be sold withyn the same Realme, That than it shalbe lefull to the Maire of the Citee of London and the Maist^r and Wardeyns of the Crafte of Peauterers of the said Citie for the tyme beyng and their deputies to have serche of the of the same withyn the said Citie of London and Subberbys of the same; and that in all other Cities Borowes and Townes wher any Wardeyns be or shalbe, the Maires Baillifes or hede Officers and Wardeyns to have like auctorite, And wher noo Wardeyns be then the hede Officers or Gov̄nours of the same Cities Borowes and Townes to appoynt C^yteyn psones moste expte and Connyng in knoulege of the same to make serche withyn the said Cities, Borowes and Townes wher they dwell; And if any suche newe Wares wrought of tynne and peauter as is aforesaid be founde defectif and beyng in the possession of the Seller, that then the same psone or psones that putteth any suche newe Wares of peauter to sale shall forfeit the same Wares, the oon halfe to thuse of our Sov̄aign Lord the King and the other halfe to the Serchers or fynders of the same. P̄vyded alwaie that this Acte conc̄nyng

the forfeiture be not p̄judiciall nor hurtfull to any psone or psones havynge gr̄unte of our Sovayagn Lord the King or of any of his noble pgenitours by his tres patentēs of such forfeiture but that they and ev̄y of them shall have and enjoye the same according to their former gr̄untes and libties.

Item payed for mendyng a Syessyng of our weyghts called our standart ij s.

Payed to the yeman of the Chambr for sellyng [sealing] iiij d.

Item for mendyng of the Crucifex of the Jure book xiiij d.

Item p^d for beryng of kyrke ij s. j d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Item p^d for makyng of the j dentters of the wexchandelers viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1514-15. **Item** r̄s of James Holand broker for on of the Tenements in the Jure for half a yer endyd at la^mas after iiij Nobles by the yer
xiiij s. iiij d.

Item r̄s of master botteler for the tother howse in the Jure calid the pykt hatche after fyfty Shelyngs by yer for half a yer endid at mydsom^r
xxv s.

The "pykt hatche" is a curious name for a house, and may mean a tenement "picked out" in ornamental bands of colour.

1515-16. **Item** r̄s for the hire of iij garnesh of our vessel in the haulle of the Couppars ij s.

Item payed for makyng of the branche & for iiij l^t a q^rt & di put therto of newe wexe for vij judasses ij boughte of Tembr mad be a juner & payntyng of the holy gost in Sylu Colour xvij s. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1516-17. **Item** payed for barge hire whan the pressonars whent to Westmenster and the Crafts also w^t them vij s. viij d.

This was the incident so well known as the Evil May Day, when the jealousy which had long been felt by the Londoners and their apprentices against foreign workmen broke out into scenes of terrible violence. On the 1st May, 1517, one John Lincoln, a broker, induced Dr. Bell, a canon of the Spital, to preach against the foreigners at the customary Easter sermon on Tuesday, 14th April. The trouble broke out on the May Day following, when the apprentices, journeymen and others, who had

gone "a Maying," attacked the foreigners and sacked their houses in Blanchapleton, near Fenchurch Street, and elsewhere. The riot assumed serious proportions, but was quelled by the Mayor, and 300 of the rioters were made prisoners. Lincoln and twelve others were hanged in Cheapside and various parts of the City, the fate of the rest being reserved, as the King suspected the City authorities of having connived at the outbreak. After much negotiation with Cardinal Wolsey, to whom Henry referred them, the Mayor and Aldermen, with the Companies clad in their best liveries, were ordered to attend the prisoners to Westminster Hall, where the King sat in great state to conduct their trial, on the 22nd May. The prisoners, men and women, who all appeared with halters round their necks, were pardoned by the King on the intercession of Queen Katherine and her sister Queens of France and Scotland.

Item for lxxxxj fot of elmy n bord for the stayre and the pyp of the draught [drain pipe] ij s. iiij d.

Item payed to the glasyar for glaseyng of a wendowe in alhallow church conteynyng lvj fot euy fot iiij d ob and xxd mor in all som xj s. iiij d.

This was a gift from the Company in graceful acknowledgment of the bond existing between them and the church in which their religious duties were performed. The above payment must be taken with that of 57s. for stained glass in the accounts for 1518-19, which seems to refer to the same window. The "images" there mentioned were no doubt those of the Assumption and St. Michael, and the arms those of the Company.

1517-18. **Item** rs of Thom's norfolke for a fyn for making of holowar warse then the Master & wardens w^t the hooll compayny hathe ordenet it to be mad & agayn the good rewells of the crafte xls.

Item for the gayness [gains] of the mony for the ocqupeyng to the Sm x s.

This entry from the Yeomanry accounts shows that in a modest way they invested their small balance, possibly as part of the larger sum so dealt with by the Masters. The word "occupying" signifies "use" or "employment."

1518-19. **The** rents i fanchurche stret. **Item** rs of John magson for the rent of the hows that he dothe dwell in geven to the crafte be m̄. gvattam prest for half a yer rent endit at Midsomer xx s.

Reseyved of Thomas Norfolke for potts of messor ware not beyng lawfull
messor xv s. ix d.

These were probably pewter "measures" for wine or ale, found not to be of true capacity.

Item of John Radysh for disse orderyng of hym self agaynst the master
& wardence v s.

rs of men of the crafte toward the byldyng of the mynores . xj s. x d.

Item glasyng of a wendowe at alhallow church for the glase Images and
the armes in the same wendowe lvj s.

Item payed to master Gottame preste of pouls [priest of St. Pauls] for
the hows in fanchurche stret a quit rent for half a yer endyd at
mysdomer xiiij s. iiij d.

Item payed toward the byldyng of the mynnores deliued to the chambrleyn
of london xl s.

There appears to have been a general collection throughout the City towards rebuilding the Convent of the Nuns of the Order of St. Clare, known as Minoresses, at Aldgate. The Company obtained 10s. 10d. by contributions from their members (*see* above), and made up the sum to 40s., which they paid to the Chamberlain at Guildhall.

1519-20. of the rents in lymstret. **Item** rs of the howse the medwyf
dothe dwell for half yer vj s. viij d.

Rs of herry clarke for dissobedyence agaynst the master & wardence xij d.

Item rs of the same herry for revylyng of a broder of the clotheyng
xvj d. **Item** rs of John care for comyng to the stall of the sayd herry
geveyng hym occacion of vngoodly words iij s. iiij d.

Item payed to lawrence bally for paveyng of xxiiij tasse xj s. viij d.

This is a term of superficial measure used in paving.

If Resseued of the gaynes of the bereyng of Rychard schettellworthe
ij s. [Yeomanry accounts.]

This 2s. was the excess of the sum left by the deceased or given by his friends for the burial over the amount actually spent by the Craft in tapers, &c.

1520-1. **Item** paid for iij tt & a haulf of tyne & all of peke xvij d.

I can make nothing of this entry. If tin and peak are meant (and there is no other possible reading), their connection is most obscure.

Reperacions in lymstret. Payd for a pewpece of a stawll . . . viij d.
It paid to maister Gren Comyn sargaunt for his Cownsayll in our boke xx s.

1521-2. **Charge** agaynce the empour cuīnyng. **It** paid to a Carpnter for makynge the stondyng w^t rayles and pauyng the same grounde ayenst the Comyng in of the Emprovre xvij s.

This was Charles V, Emperor of Germany and King of Spain, who was in close alliance with Henry against France, and had also, in 1520, paid a short visit to England. He arrived in May, and was accompanied by the citizens in great state to Bridewell Palace, which had been prepared for his reception. This visit proved a costly one for the City and country, as the Emperor persuaded Henry to join him in invading France.

It paid to the wachmen that wayched at mydsomⁿ ij s. viij d.

It paid ffor pwynts [points, *i.e.*, bows or ribbons] to the same watchmen ij d.

Itm payed to the Wardence of the Jemeure [Yeomanry] of them borrowed be our predisessors psell of twenty pownd lent to the brege masters iij ſ. vj s. viij d.

This was a time of famine and pestilence. The 20*l.* lent in 1520 to the Bridge Masters was part of 1,000*l.* subscribed by the Companies for the purchase of wheat to be stored at the Bridge House for relief of the poor.*

It we aske to be allowed of xxv s layde out appon serten molds remayneng in the haull ffor them that wyll by them that ys to say a narro borded dysche molde weyng xxxviij ſ ſ. **It** a narro bordid savcer molde weyng xvj ſ ſ. **It** a valled by the fyllet saucer molde weyng xv ſ iij q̄. **It** iij x ſ. **It** iij payre of Clams of yron weyng xxx ſ xxv s.

1522. This year the Company prepared and submitted to the King's high officers their bye-laws or ordinances in compliance with the Act

* History of the Tower Bridge and the Bridge House Trust, by C. Welch, 1894, pp. 96-100.

of 19 Henry VII, c. 7. The preamble states that through the non-ability of the Company to make any new provision for the control of the trade or of their members, much unruliness had arisen. This document is transcribed from the Jury Book, where it appears without date, but it is clear from the City records that it is of the year 1522. A marginal note, written apparently by a Clerk of the Company late in the seventeenth century is as follows:—"Ordinances made pursuant to y^e Statute of 19 H. 7. No date to y^m but as appears by the preamble they were made after y^e demise of that King." The initial letter is finely illuminated.

In THEYRE MOOSTE HUMBLE WYSSE. Shewen vnto youre good lordshipis the felowshipp of the poore crafte or misterye of pewterers within the Citie of london That where their predecessours diuerse tymes in the saide crafte or misterie before this tyme by reason of suche good ordenaunces and actes as haue bene made vsed and had amonge theym selfe haue honestly and quietly lyved and kepte the charges of their householdes vnto nowe of late that the moste noble kynge oure late souuaigne lorde kynge henry the vijth by auctoritie of his parliament holden at westmⁱ in the xix^{ten} yere of his reigne hath by an acte then made for dyuerse resonable causes expressed in the saide acte restraigned all bodyes corporate from thexecucyon of suche ordenaunce and actes as they haue made amonge them selfe for the welthes of their saide bodyes corporate and for the good contynuaunce of the same vnto suche tyme as the same ordenaunce and actes ben examyned and approved by the Chauncelour and Tresourer of Engelande the chiefe Justice of etheir Benches or thre of them or before the Justice of assises in their circuite or progresse in the Shere where suche actes ordenaunce be made vpon payne to forfait x li for euery tyme that the doo the contrarye. by occasion of whiche restraynte dyuerse and many of the saide crafte or misterye beinge vnreasonable parsones haue nowe of late fallen in to greate disobedience to the greate hurte and inquietenese of the good and obediante psones of the same crafte or mysterye.

And also to the greate slaundere and rebuke of the saide crafte ffor remedye and reformacyon whereof youre saide Oratours in theyr moste humble wyse besechen youre good lordshipps that it maye please the same

of youre godly and charitable disposicion to take the payne to viewe see and consyder suche poore ordenaunces and actes as be vnder written whiche your said Oratours thynke and truste veraily well kepte shalbe a meane to brynge the saide crafte or mysterye in to their former astate of honestie quietnes and good obedience.

And furthermore that it may pleas youre said good lordships to examyne and approve all the saide ordenaunce or actes or as manye of them as by youre high discrecyons shalbe thought good for the good contynuance of the said poore crafte and mistery. And they and all their successours whiche shalbe hereafter vse the said crafte or mystery within the saide Citie shall accordinge to theyr dueties pray to almighty god for the longe prosperous contynuance of your said good lordshippes in thys lyfe And afterward for the welth of you^r soules.

ffor pewter
truly myxte
and sub
stauncyallye
to be
wrought.

FFIRSTE BE IT ORDEYNED that noo parsones of the crafte of Pewterers of the Cytie of london or lybertyes of the same fromehensforth shall make or cause to be made eny maner vessell or other stuff of pewter redy to be solde but only suche as shalbe truly myxte substancyally and workmanly wrought and so by the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyng alowed and adiudged. And also that the said vessell and stuff shall be marked with the marke of the workman therof to thentente it may be knowen of whoos makynge the seide vessell or stuff is vpon payne to forfeite and paye for every pounce weight of all suche pewter so made redye to be solde as shall fortune to be founde vntrulye myxte or wrought or vnmarked oon peny the oon halfe therof allweys to be levyed and taken to thuse of the Mayre and Cōialtie of the Citie of london and the other halfe to thuse of the wardeyns Cōialtie of the saide crafte or mysterye of pewteres within the same cytie.

* Infamy
and
slaunder by
bargaynes
Towchyng
chevysaunce

AND WHERE AS before thys tyme hath growen vnto the said crafte greate infamy and slaunder by occasion of vnlauffull bargaynes touchynge chevysaunce of and for pewter vessell made by soom parsones of the same crafte for their singuler profyte and aduantage whiche neither regarded the honestie of the saide crafte nor it the highe displeasure of allmyghtye

* Marked "void" in a later hand.

god to the greate hevynes and inwarde sorowe of the good folkes of the same crafte. WHEREFORE BE IT ORDEYNED that fromhensforthe noo parsons of the saide crafte shall sell any pewter vessell to any parsons for chevysaunce wyttyngly vpon payne to forfeite for euery hundereth pounce weyght soo solde . vj.s. viij.d. the moytie whereof to halfe to thuse of the said wardeyns and Comynaltie of Peauterers. And the thother moyte to be to thuse of hym or them that can or woll laufully prove any suche bargayne made for chevysaunce.

The forfeite
for chevi-
saunce
makynge.

AND WHERE AS OF A LATE DAYES soom parsones of the saide crafte not considerynge theyr duetyes to be had to the same crafte nor the good cōtinuance therof haue for theyr singular aduantage enterategned straungers borne oute of the kynges obesaunce and haue suffered theym to See the previties of the myxture of theyr peutre by occasyon wherof greate damage hathe growen to the said crafte and more is lyke daily to doo to the greate hurte of the poore folkys of the same crafte yf remedy be not the sooner provyded. wherfore be it ordeneyed that no straunger beyng borne out of the kynges obesaunce shall here after haue any recourse in to any suche place belongynge to any parsons of the sayde crafte where as the said straunger shall or maye haue knowledge or syght of the saide myxture And who so euer of the said crafte that shall hereafter suffre any suche straunger to haue recourse in to any suche place shall for euery tyme soo doyng duely proved forfeite xx.s. to bedeviled the oon halfe therof to be to thuse of Maire and Coiāltie the other halfe thereof to thuse of the wardeyns and cominaltie of the saide misterye.

The forfeite
for wares to
be conveide
or caried
tyll they be
vyeued.

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNED. that no man enfraunchysed in the saide crafte shall here after delyuer nor cause to be delyuerid by way of bargayne or sale any parcell of ware made of pewter aboue oon hundreth weight to any parsons Englisshman or Straunger or elles pakke convey or cary or cause to be pakked conveyed or caried any man suche wares to fayres or marketts to be solde before the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oon of them at the leste haue viewed seen and serched the saide wares to thentent the same wares shalbe good and substancyall in euery poynte soo that the kynges Subiectys or other parsones byinge the said wares shall not be disceyved thereby vpon payne

that euery parsonē that dothe the contrarye probably knowen shall forfaitē at euery tyme for euery hundereth weight iijs iiijd the moytie of of the saide forfeiture to be taken and levyed to thuse of the saide Maire and Coiāltie and other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauteres.

The wares
to be viewed
by the
master and
wardeyns or
by oon of
them.

PROVIDED ALLWEYE that the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oone of them at the leaste vpon a reasonable requeste to them or any of them by any parsonē of the same crafte to be made shall come vyewe see and serche suche maner of wares as the owner entendeth to put sale or to sende or conueye to markettē or fayres to be solde. And yf the saide wardeyns and eny of them refuse that to doo then the owner to vse hys libertie with his saide wares thys ordenaunce not withstondyngē.

The pre-
sentyngē of
apprentices.

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNEȒ that noo psone of the saide crafte shall from-hensforth take eny to be apprentyce to be bounde vnto hym before suche tyme as the said apprentyce be presented to the wardens of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge or oon of theyme at the leaste by hym that shalbe his maister to thentent it maye be knowen whether the sayde apprentyce be free borne or hoole of hys lymmes or not or haue eny other impedymēt whiche sholde be thought to the same wardeyns reasonable that he shulde not be bounde. And that the master of that apprentyce shall within vj weekes next after the sayd presentemente and takynge of the sayde apprentyce pay vnto the comen box of the saide crafte ijs towardys the reliefe and comforte of the coiāltie of the saide crafte. And that whosoeuer of the saide crafte shall fortune to doo contrarye shall forfeite for euery tyme soo doinge iijs. iiij d. to be levyed to thuse of the saide wardeyns ande comynaltie of the saide crafte or mysterye.

ffor takynge
of appren-
tyce straun-
gers.

ALSO be it ordeyned that noo psone of the saide crafte receyve or take eny to be hys apprentyce excepte he be an Englysshemans soon borne or elles borne in wales Irelande Cales or marches of the same or elles where vnder the kyngē obesaunce vpon payne to forfaitē x ti for euery apprentyce receyved or taken to the contrarye the moyte of which forfeiture to be taken to thuse of the sayde Maier and Comynaltie and the other moyte to thuse of the wardeyns and comynaltie of the saide crafte.

ffor enty-
cynge of
apprentyce
or sarunte
from hys
master.

Also be it ordeyned that noo psone enfraunchised in the saide crafte entyce or procure any apprentyce or saruaunte of eny other parsone of the said crafte to departe frome the seruyce of hys master afore the saide apprentyce or Sarunte hath fully serued his terme of his apprentishode or saruyce vpon payne that euery parsone soo doynge and duely proved shall forfait and paye xls. to thuse of the saide wardeyns and cominaltye of the saide crafte.

ffor
apprentyce
& sarunte
that maye
sarwe wth
the same
crafte.

Also be it ordeyned that yf any parsone of the saide crafte whiche hathe sarued hys yeres of apprentyshode with any parsone of the same crafte and maye haue a suffycient seruyce and reasonable wadge within the saide Citie of eny of the saide crafte and wyll not sarve but goo in to the contrey to seeke werke and sarvyce. And after that dothe come agayne in too the saide Citie to thentent to sarue that noo parsone of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge shall set hym oon werke vnto suche tyme as he haue agreed and made a fyne with the master and wardeyns and assistaunce of the saide crafte for the tyme beinge for the same. And who soeuer that taketh eny suche parsone in to his sarvys contrarye to the acte shall forfait and pay. xl. s. to be taken and levied to thuse of the saide wardeyns and coiältye of the saide crafte.

ffor takynge
& recey-
vyng of
apprentyce

AND WHERE as dyuerse occupacyons in the saide Citie haue amonge theym selffe dyuers good rules and orden^{ancs} concernynge the takynge of apprentyce to thētente the same apprentyce shall not soo encrease in nowmber but that they shulde be alwayes set in worke amonge theyr occupacyon whan they shall come oute of theyr termes of apprētyshode and not be compelled for necessitye to seeke for theyr lyvyng in other placys and to vse other occupacyons than they were brought vp in. And also where as dyuers psones of the saide crafte Peauterers of theyr coveteus myndys not regardyng the goode and honeste contynuaunce of the same crafte not regardinge the preferment and honestye lyvinge of the poore apprentice cōmyng out of their apprentyshoddes but rather woll doo thoose actes that shall bryng them to extreme povertye or elles to vse soome other vyle and laboriouse occupacyons after they haue sarved their termes of apprentyshodes haue of late dayes for their

*[A good
p^ramble.]

syngular profytte and aduauntage taken in to theyr sarvyce soo many apprentice that the nowmber of the said crafte is soo encreased that oon of theym is not able honestelye to lyve by a nother And soom that haue bene apprentice and spent theyr tymes of apprentyshode at thende of their termes haue been compelled for theyr lyvinge to vse other occupacyons bothe within the Cytie and without to theyr greate losse hurte sorowe and hynderaunce And also a Slaunder of the saide crafte.

The nowm-
ber of ap-
prentices to
be taken.

FFOR REMEDYE whereof be it ordeyned that noo psone of the same crafte beinge of the clothinge of the same crafte shall hereafter haue in saruyce as apprentice aboute the nowmber of three at oone tyme. And that noo parsone owt of the clothinge hereafter shall haue in hys saruice as apprentyce aboute the nowmber of two at oon tyme. And whosoeuer of the same crafte that doothe the contrarye to thys ordenaunce shall forfeite for euery tyme offendinge the same ordenaunce ten poundys the moytie of the saide forfeiture to be taken and levyed to thuse of the saide maire and coiāltie and the other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of the saide crafte.

The forfeite
for hyerynge
houses
shoppys or
stondyns at
fayres or
markette
[*over
another
man's head].

Also be it ordeyned that noo parsone of the saide crafte shalbe any maner meane ffromhensforth hire oone other of the same crafte out of hys house or Shopp within the Citie of london or elles out from his stondynge place at fayres or marketts at any place within thys realme vpon payne to forfeite euery tyme soo doynge provably founde xl s. the moytie whereof to be levied and taken to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauterers and the other moytye to be levyed and taken to thuse of hym that shulde fynde hym grevid or take eny hurte by eny meanes of any thyng expressed or mencyoned in thys article.

The
forfaite for
delytyng
of any
pewter but
to a freman
or a broder
of the same
crafte.

Also be it ordeyned that no parsone of the sayd crafte shall hereafter put or delyuer any maner of pewter to any parsone or parsones to be wrought bot oonly to a freman or brother of the same crafte vpon payne to forfeite at euery tyme that he soo doothe provably founde iij li the moytie whereof to be levyed and taken to thuse of the saide Maire and Coiāltie and the other moytie to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Cominaltie of Peauterers.

* In a later hand.

The forfeite
for oppro-
brius and
evyll & vn-
convenient
wordys.

* [ffor
slaundering
any a one
another in
the Com-
pany.]

To serche
fyve tymes
in the yere.

* [for oppro-
brius words
in open
Court.]

Also be it ordeyned that noo parsons of the saide crafte shall from-
hensforth rebuke or revyle in open places or audyens any other parsons of
the same crafte with any obprobrious evill vncouenient or vngoodly wordis
or accuse hym openly of any cryme to hys dishonestie or reproche excepte
the accuser haue good and resonable cause soo to doo and can and will
substancyally prove the same before the master and wardeyns with the
assistaunces of the sayde crafte for the tyme beyng within xl dayes nexte
after suche mysbehauor supposed vpon payne to forfeite at euery tyme soo
offendynge xx s. to be taken to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comyn-
altie of Peauterres.

AND WHERE as the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for
the tyme beinge haue and doo vse comonly to serche bothe weighte
and wares belongynge to the saide crafte fyve tymes in the yere
and oftener as vnto them shalbe thought necessarye to thentent the
saide wares shulde kepe the true fynes and substancyall makynge and
workmanshipp. And also the saide weighte their true weighte by
occasion whereof soom light and evyll disposyd parsones of the saide
crafte makynge vessell of Stuff not truly fyned nor myxte and also
their vessell slyght and not substaūcially wrought and therof by the
master and wardeyns or soome of theym be foundeiltye and also
vsyng nor kepyng their true weighte and woll and doo mysorder often
tymes theym selffe towardys the saide master and wardeyns in their wordys
And also be disobedyent to theym in makynge theyr serches And also soom
highe mynded and obstinate psones doothe mysuse hym selfe in his worde
in suche court as shall frome tyme to tyme be kepte amonge the saide
crafte for coicacyon there to be had for the good order of the same crafte
therefore be it ordered that euery parsons of the saide crafte whiche
hereafter shall fortune to mysorder hym selfe by hys wordys or
other wyse contrarye to Justyce and reason ayenste the saide master
and wardeyns for the tyme beyng in makynge the sayde serches
or in their saide court shall forfeite for euery tyme offendynge thys
artycke and therof beyng convicte xiiij s. iiij d. to be taken and levied
to thuse of the sayde wardeyns and Coiāltie of peauterres.

* In a later hand.

ffor lauffulle
warynyng
by the
wardeyns or
the bedell.

Also be it ordeyned that when so euer and often as any parson of the saide crafte shalbe warned by the wardeyns or bedyll of the same crafte to come and appere at any certen houre and place if the parson so warned come not accordynge to suche warnynge but make defaulte and noo resonable excuse for suche psone had that then and soo often the same parson at euery tyme soo makynge defaulte shall forfait and paye xijd the same to be levied and taken to thuse of the wardeyns and Coiãltie of the sayde mysterye.

ffor Suet
or vexacyon
w'm same
crafte.

AND ALSO be it ordeyned that noon of the saide crafte shall hereafter suee or vex any other of the same crafte in any courte for any parsonall accyon or for any other cause where he maye haue hys reasonable remedye and redresse in the same accyon or cause by meanes of the master and wardeyns with the assistaunce of the saide crafte vpon payne to forfait for euery tyme doyng the contrarye xx s. the moytie whereof to thuse of the mayre and Coiãltie and the other moytie to thuse of the sayde wardeyns and Comynaltie of the saide crafte. Soo that alwayes remedye and redresse be lauffullye geuen to the complaynte by the saide master and wardeyns within xv dayes nexte after the sute of the complaynte to theym made or elles the complaynte to be at his libertye thys ordenñce notwithstandinge.

ffor a oothe
to be taken
befor the
wardeyns
or thassistaunce.

Also be it ordeyned that noo man of the saide crafte shall entromitte medele or occupye the same crafte within the saide Citie nor libertyes of the same vnto suche tyme as he be sworne before the wardeyns and some of the thassistaunce of the same crafte and hathe taken the same othe that hathe bene vsed and accustomed to be taken in the same crafte vpon payne that euery parson doyng the contrarye shall forfait xl s. the same to be taken and levied to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of the saide crafte.

ffor re-
fusynge of
any offyce
when they
be elected
therto.

FFURTHERMORE be it ordeyned in case any parson of the saide crafte shall fortune hereafter to be electe and chosen to eny offyce within the saide crafte and after to refuse to excercyse the same offyce that then euery suche parson so refusynge shall forfait fyve pounde the oon halfe to be levied and taken to thuse of the saide Maire and coiãltie and the othe' halfe to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of peauterres.

[¹For pay-
ment of
quartredge.]

ALSO THAT euery housholder within the saide crafte that is a freman or a broder of the same crafte shall pay for hys quartage as hathe bene accustomed that is to say² xvj d. euery yere.

[ffor
openyng of
theyre
shoppys.]

ALSO THAT E^UY parson of the saide crafte that woll kepe house and open his shoppe for hym selfe shall paye for his openyng of his Shoppe as hathe bene accustomed tyme oute of mynde that is to saye ³vj s. viij d. FFURTHERMORE be it ordeyned that the master and wardeyns of the said crafte or mysterye for the tyme beyng shall yerely before the feaste of Saynt michell tharkangell make a clere accompte for the tyme that they haue bene in their sayde offyces of and for suche thinge as by reason of their officē haue and myght haue cōmen vnto theyr handys vpon payne to forfaitē for euery tyme that they shall make refusell therof agayne a reasonable requeste to theym to be made by their successours named to be wardeyns of the same crafte for the yere folowyng xij s. iiij d. the same to be taken to thuse of the same wardeyns and cōialtie of the sayde crafte.

[⁴ffor the
giuinge
vppe
thaccompte
before
Michas.]

[ffor redyng
of thys
orde-
naunces.]

ALSO be it ordeyned that fromhensforth for euer more the master and wardeyns for the tyme beyng of the said crafte shall oone tyme euery quarter in the yere at the leaste in the hall belongyng to the saide felowship called the peauteres hall redde or doo to be redde all the articles aboue saide to and before the mooste parte of the ffellowshipp of the saide crafte to thentent that noo parson of the saide felowshipp shall pretende ignoraunce concernyng the saide articles vpon payne that euery of the saide master and wardeyns at euery quarter makyng any defaulte in thys behalfe shall forfaitē to thuse of the wardeyns and Comynaltie of Peauteres vj s. viij d.

[ffor gader-
inge of
forfaitures
penalties
& other
sōmes of
moneye.]

ALSO be it ordeyned that all maner of forfaitures penalties Somēs of money whiche shall fortune to be forfayted by force and vertue of suche orden^ance and articles as aboue be expressed shalbe levyed and gadered by the master and wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyng to the seuerall vses aforesaide. And yf any master wardeyne

¹In a later hand.

²This amount is altered by a 17th century scribe above the line and in the margin to ij s.

³This amount is similarly altered to iij s. iiij d.

⁴This is written in a later hand.

or wardeyns of the saide crafte for the tyme beyngē doo not hereafter weele and truly execute all and euery the saide ordenaunce aboue written accordyngē to the tenure and effecte of the same that then the sayde forfaitures penalyties or somes of money shalbe levied and taken vpon euery of the saide master and wardeyns for the tyme beinge to thusēs a bove saide.

ffor
quarterages
amcyament
and fyns to
be payd.

ALSO FOR THE PARFORMAUNCE of all and singuler the ordenaunce before rehersed BE IT ORDEYNED that euery parsonē occupyenge the saide crafte of peauterers within the Citie of london or fraunchises of the same that offendith in any article of thordenaunce aforesaide of hys frowarde disposicyon or otherwyse refuse to pay his quarterage or eny other fyne forfeiture amercyament or penalitie afore saide or disobeye any article or ordenaunce herein expressed. That then it shalbe liefull to the Master and wardeyns of the same crafte for the tyme beinge at euery tyme that they shall fynde theym selfe grevyd in any of the premysys to enter in to the house of eūy suche parsonē or parsones that offendyth as is above saide. And ther for the forfeiture in not parformyngē any of the saide articles to take a distresse and the same dystresse soo taken liefully to bere and cary a way and the same to deteigne and kepe vnto suche tyme as the parsonē offendyngē any of the saide articles hath payed hys forfeiture concernyng the same article.

[*To take
a distress.]

ffor bryngē-
yngē in the
indentures
of appren-
tice

ALSO BE IT ORDEYNED that eūy parsonē of the saide mysterye havyng any apprentyce shall within oone monethe nexte after that he hath taken any suche apprentyce bringe in the oone parte of thendenture wherby the said apprentyce is bounde in to the hall of the saide companye to thentent the Master and wardeyns and the assistaunce of the same companye for the tyme beinge maye knowe howe and what tyme the saide apprentyce shulde cōme out of hys terme of yeres soo that a maye appere that noo man take any moo apprentyce then hys nowmber and he that doothe the contrary shall forfaite and paye xx s. for a fyne for euery tyme soo doynge to be devydid as is a fore saide that is to saye the oone halfe therof to be to thuse of the saide Maire and Comynaltie and the other halfe to be to thuse of the saide wardeyns and Comynaltie of the sayde mysterye.

* In a later hand.

A feature of much interest in the above Ordinances is the increased stringency of the regulations for apprenticeship. Apprentices were to be presented to the Wardens before being bound, and none were to be accepted who were not of sufficient strength for work. They must be of English parentage. As the number of apprentices had unduly increased and not sufficient work could be found for them when they came out of their time, each liveryman was restricted to three and each freeman to two apprentices.

1523-4. *Wher* of lat the Craft hath benne sore chargyd by the reason of lone of the moneye for the kyngs Grace wher for the Master and Wardynce for that tym beyng was compellyd to laye the plat that wase in this howse to plege to make moneye and so deliued it to diſe pſons as appereth be dyſce bylls endentyd ther of amonge al other ther was layd out ij doſeyn & vij ſpunes wherof ther was bylls in endentyd in lyke wys the ptis that hade them to plege hath brought them to vs & deliued them clerly w^t out any money payeyng for them & the bylls endentyd brokyn thay lyst not be a knowen nor schall not be ffor vs but god reward them.

The French invasion proved a costly matter, and the City was required to furnish the King with 100,000*l*. The Companies were called upon to surrender their plate, of which a valuation was made by Wolsey's order. It does not appear that the plate was actually taken to the Royal Mint at the Tower "there to be coyned" as was at first ordered, and the payment by the City was eventually reduced to 20,000*l*. Other loans were soon exacted by Wolsey until the citizens took courage to refuse the extortionate demands, and the King was compelled to call a Parliament.

Itm. to the wex chandyller for werkmâchepe of vij *tt* j *qr̄* and vj *tt* & di of newe wex put ther to at viij d the *tt* iiij s iiij d the workmanschep of the old vij *tt* & *qr̄* vij d. **Itm** mor for ij half *tt* tapers to stond on the awter viij d v s. vij d.

Itm payed for paveyng in fanchurche stret at the howsyng geven by *m̄* gottam for iiij lood of ston to pave w^t the carage and all iiij s. **Itm** a lod of gravell iiij d. **Itm** for the paveyng of ix tasse & a half v s. iiij d. ix s. vij d.

Itm payed for ij skynnes of vellome for our Rolments to be wryttyn in xvj d.

Itm Reseyued of the be guest of willm Bennet for the fraternyte of the said batchelers deliued by the hande of his excecutors ij spounes of Sylu on whos Soull god haue merci amen. [Yeomanry accounts.]

William Bennett, described in the accounts for 1547-9 as "Wyllyam hulson alies bennytt," was a pewterer on Tower Hill.

Itm payed for fetcheyng of a bill out of the Sprituall court for our wex to m^r longe viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

So the Reseyte excedithe the payement^e of this Accompt whiche remayneth to our Successors John Scherwyn John Eud & clemet kelyngworthe in money & plegs xvij li. iij s. vij d. wher of ther remayneth in the hande of the sayd clemet x s. the masters hande that was lent to the masters of the bregehows iij li. vj s. viij d. also that the masters had for the lone on steyn plege as aperethe by a byll therof ix li. vj s. viij d. & in moneye iij li. & iij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Be it Rememberd that ther remaynethe to our Successors iij torches weyng ljb. & jqrte and iij lb. of weke and also in pollyn wex lxxiij lb. [Yeomanry accounts.]

1524-5. Rents at tour hill. **Itm** rs of the marynar for a holl yers rent endyd at mydsonⁿ xs. **Itm** rs of the hows wylsons wyf dwelt in for iij qrtⁿ vij s. vj d. on qrtⁿ voyde. **Itm** rs of the hows the osteler dwelt in xs. **Itm** rs of the hows that okys of the stewe keye dwelt in xvij s. **Itm** rs of brown the laborer for a yers rent xs. **Itm** rs of Sampson for the garthyng [garden] rent for iij qrts v s. on qrtⁿ voyd **Itm** rs of the hacnayeman for a holl yers rent v s. **Itm** rs of a wedowe for the hows next for a yers rent v s. **Itm** rs for the hows mather forest dwellyth in viij s. **Itm** for the hows that mad mawd dwellyth v s. **Itm** rs of father steven for holl yers rent xiiij s. viij d. iij ti xvij s. ij d.

The Company's Tower Hill tenants would seem from the above list to have been more numerous than profitable. Mad Mawd, the Hackneyman, and the widow paid much less than the rest of the tenants. They probably occupied smaller tenements.

1525-6. *Item* Delivered to the wax chandyller in old wax w^t iiij Image iiij angells and the pynnys or styks weyng all xxjth. *Item* r^s in newe wax v tapers iiij Image iiij angells w^t the bolles and Symon xxv th & di and mor ij tapers of ij th Som of newe wax xxvij th & di for the werkman of xxj th euy th j d. xxj d. and for vj th & di of new out ryght euy th viij d. Sm iiij s. iiij d. for payntyng iij d. vj s. iiij d.

This was for the festival decoration of the Company's private altar at Allhallows, which must have made a brave show. It is not clear what "the four angels with the bowls and Symon" were.

1526-7. *ffennes.* *Item* r^s for a fyne for Salts vn markte xij d. *Item* r^s of willm aprise for a fyn for deliuyng vessell vn markyt w^t his towch acordyng to the ordynance vs. *Item* payed for a gardynar iij dayes viij d a day. ij s. *Item* payed to a Carpenter for iij dayes di viij d. a day ij s. iiij d.

The four following entries are from the Yeomanry accounts.

Item payd for ij allmes torchys weyng xxxvj lb. Sm ix s. viij d. *Item* payd for making of the branche weyng xxxiiij lb. di at a j d. a lb. warkema²schyp ij s. ix d. ob. *And* put ther to in powllyn waxe xix lb. *Item* payd for iiij treys to the same lyght xij d.

1527-8. *Item* Reseyved of Ser Robrt Astlyn Subden of Poulls for to by howsyng to kep an obit for hym of xx s. by the yer xl ti. *Item* R^s of the yong mens box of the Crafte toward the lonne for the brege hows to by Corne vj ti. xiiij s. iiij d. *Item* Reseyved of gaynce of Tynn bought withe the money reseyved of Ser Robrt astlyn Subdene of Poulls as is a for Sud [aforesaid] to the proffet of the crafte xxv s. *Item* payed to the maires Sergeant for ij dayes to Serche a mong the habbardasshers iij s. iiij d. *Item* for met & drynke for thos ij dayes for the Sergeant and the company that went w^t hym iij s. iiij d. vj s. viij d.

The Sergeant was an officer of the Lord Mayor who went with the Company during their Searches and had the power of arresting offenders. He was retained by a yearly fee, and gave his attendance also at the Court meetings.

Item for the carage of the Saltsellers that was take a monge the haberdashers to the yeld hall ij d.

ffirst for makynge of the branche of wex cōteynnyng vij grete tapers w^t lity pottē and branchies with bowllē of wex that is to say of the olde stocke of wex xxxij ti di and in newe wex xxxj di s^m lxiiij ti at peny the pownd wormanshipp S^m v s. iiij d. the newe wex v d. the pound s^m xiiij s. j d. ob. xviiij s. v d. ob.

This and the four following entries are from the Yeomanry accounts.

It payd for iiij deelle that the tables wer made of and carage of them to thall [the hall] xiiij s. iiij d.

It payd to ij workemen that wrought and made the sayd tables for ix days worke xij s.

It for ledgies glewe wex hespys and naylys for the said tables . ij s. iiij d.

It for payntyng of the said tables vj s. viij d.

1528-9. Masarpes [necessaries]. **Item** payed for the boke of acts of parlment iiij d. **Item** for Skyn of pchement iiij d. **Item** for ynke & pap j d. ob. **Item** for the carage of the Salts frō the yeld haull ij d. xj d. ob.

And that ther is left in the hands of me lord of battells bally of forfyt mettall takyn at whye [Wye] fayre be the warden and Seche as rod w^t hym C di & xiiij ff. **Item** left in the hands of Port Ryves at maydston also of forfet mettall C j q^rt v ff. **Item** left in the hands of John Champneye of fevsame of forfett mettall C j q^rt. iiij C xix ff.

On the last folio of the first Audit book is the following curious note by the stationer: "Anno Domini 1530 Johan Gowgh stationer bond thys bok—thys tyme was moch to do for the word of god yet shal it euer endewer—cōtented ijs. And that yere dyed the sumptuous hye cardynal thomas wolse in leyceter the x day of Nouembre a gret psecu^r. Celū et terram [sic] trāsibunt verba mea autem manebit verbū

Domini manet In eternū." The Latin words are an ungrammatical jumble intended as a quotation of Matthew, xxiv, 35, followed by the Stationers' Company's Motto.

1530-1. Among the pledges held this year by the Company for debts owing by members are the following:

Item xij molds of Poull alyсандers that lyethe for . . . v li. iiij s. iiij d.

Item rest in Thom's Curte hands for the sporyar [spurrier] . . . xx s.

It may be well to transcribe the whole statement of the Company's receipts for rent during this year, as they give an interesting view of the rents paid at this period by different classes of tenants in the City of London.

Rents in the Pultrye. ffirst Reseyued of John Wendyn Grosser [grocer] for a holl yers Rent of the hows he dothe dwell in endid at mid-somer v li. Reseyued of John hardyng in the same Rents for a holl yer at mydsomer xxvj s. & viij d. Rs of John bake^r in the same Rents for a yer at mydsomⁿ xxvj s. viij d. . . . Smⁿ vij li. xij s. iiij d.

In Saint Denis [Dionis] Pish. **Item** Reseyued of m^r magson for a holl yers Rent endid at mydsomⁿ xls. **Item** Rs of harmstrong for a hooll yer at mydsomⁿ xxx s. iiij li. xs.

Exmstret. **Item** Rs of Ros wedow for a holl yer at mydsomer xij s. iiij d. **Item** Rs of howdyn wedow for a holl yer xij s. iiij d. **Item** Rs of fox Skynnar [skinner] for a holl yer at mydsomⁿ xij s. iiij d. **Item** Rs of the cart^r [carter] for a hooll yer endyd at mydsomⁿ xij s. iiij d. **Item** of Watson the cordwynnare [cordwainer] for a hooll yer endyd at mydsomⁿ xij s. iiij d. iiij li. vj s. viij d.

Rents at crepilgat. **Item** Reseyued of Henry Capper for Rent of his Howse for a hooll yer endyd at mydsomⁿ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Huntlaye for a holl yer endyng at mydsomⁿ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Hert for a holl yer at mydsomⁿ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of John Hunt for a holl yer at mydsomⁿ viij s. **Item** Reseyued of Rob^tt pem^rbrton for a holl yer at mydsomⁿ viij s. **Item** Rs of Williā stevence for a yer at mydsomⁿ vj s. viij d. xlvj s. viij d.

Item Reseyued of Willm Jacket for a yer at mydsomⁿ xs. **Item** Reseud of esabeth honylowe for a holl yer at mydsomⁿ vj s. viij d. **Item** Rs?

Willm Sampson for a yer at mydsom̃ vj s. viij d. **Itm** Rs of elysabeth bottell sone for a holl yer vj s. viij d. **Itm** Rs elyn hatfeld payed be pelborowe for a yer vj s. viij d. **Itm** Reseyud of willm haynnes for ij howsses xxvj s. viij d. iij l. iij s. iij d.

Sm̃ of all the howlle Rents ys xx li.

Rs of Thoms curts in pt of xx s. for the sporyar v s.

Itm Brought in this yer in moneye of gaynce of Teyn bought and Sold agayne wt moneye of the crafte to the a vantage of the Som̃ of xl s.

In the list of payments of quarterage the Yeomanry are described as "yong men."

ffirst payed for Barge hire whan the mayre went to westmenster to take his othe xij s. iij d. **Itm** payed to the barge men to drynk viij d.

Itm payed for the company that dynt at our haull xx s. **Itm** payed for iij quarters of colls ij s. **Itm** for half a C of fagot xx d.

xxxvj s. viij d.

Itm payed at allhallow for mase on our lady day and dirge at nyzght and mase on the morn to the pish prest viij d. **Itm** to ij prests xij d. to the sexsteyn iij d. to the clarke iij s. iij d. **Itm** to churche wardens for the ornamēts xx d. **Itm** for a kynderkyn of ale for dirge ij s. **Itm** for a chese xij d. ob. **Itm** for Spice bred iij s. vj d.

xij s. vij d. ob.

Itm payed to the þor and covnt of Cheksand a rent out of the howsyng in the pultre p by the hands of Doctur freman for a holl yer endyng at mydsomer iij li.

to the
Subden of
poulls for
m̃ gottam
To m̃
Subden for
hym Selfe

Itm payed to sr Roþet Astlyn Subden of poulls for an obit to be kept for m̃ gottam for a holl yer endyng at mydsom̃ xxvj s. viij d.

Itm payed to m̃ astlyn Subden a quitrent for a holl yer endyng at mydsom̃ for an obit to be kept for hym xx s.

Itm payed to the Abote and covent of barmsay for an obit for Serell kept the xvij of nouem̃br iij s. iij d.

Itm for cutyng of the vyn in the gartheyng vj d. and for drysyng of the herbe iij d. and for Rods & poulls iij d. **Itm** payed for drysing of the gartheyng x d. xxij d.

Itm payed be Tho^ms curte to mⁱ walshyngham for goyng w^t vs to claron Sewe [Clarencieux] a crown of v s. **Itm** payed to masters garters suand [servant] for goyng w^t vs to on Alysander a payter w^t his masters boke of armes to mend our banner xij d. **Itm** payed to the sayd alysander for payntyng and makyng the Right armes vj s. viij d. **Itm** to Richemond harot of armes to haue consell xij d. for drynk when we went about that bessynes vij d. xiiij s. iij d.

Itm payed to Docraye the smythe for a keye for the colhowse dore iij d. **Itm** for mendyng of a loke of the seller dor ij d. **Itm** for a henge for the dore goyng in to the well weyng x ft xv d. **Itm** for a henge and ij hoks for the wendow w^t out crepilgat weyng v ft vij d. ob. **Itm** for a garnet for the seller dore at hall iiij d. **Itm** for ij happis and ij gogyns and wynche for the well weyng iiij ft di ix d. **Itm** for a loke for the weket of the great gat at the haull ij d. **Itm** for a nold henge for the wyndow at crepillgat ij d. **Itm** for a hasp & a stapyll for a wyndowe j d. **Itm** payed for a new boket for the well ij s. iiij d. vij s. xj d. ob.

Itm payed for iiij bowmen for the maire at mydsomⁱ ij s. viij d. **Itm** for poynts ij d. for a cheffe of arowyse [sheaf of arrows] xij d. iij s. xd.

Itm for hoppyng of a great tob of the haull iiij d. **Itm** for makyng clen of the harnese [armour] viij d. **Itm** for washyng of the cotts [coats] iiij d. **Itm** for mend of the bage to ber in the weyghts viij d. ij s.

M^e that on Rob^tt Skolls deptyt out of citi w^t wyf & goods at mydsomⁱ the yer of our lord god m^lvxxxj w^tout any lycence of the master and wardence of the crafte of pewterers or of the holl company of the same.

This is one of three memoranda, out of date, inserted on a blank page at the end of the accounts for 1496-7.

1531-2. **Itm** brought in the yer for the gayns of Teyn that was bought & sold agayn w^t the crafts moneye the S^m xxxvj s. ij d.

Itm payed to a gardenar for viij dayes and a half vj d. a daye iiij s. iij d.

Itm payed to the beditt for met & drynke for the gardnar ij s. ix d.

Itm payed to the same gardnar for a day & half viij d. a day xij d.

Itm payed to a nother gardnare for ij days & half xix d. **Itm** payed

a gardenar for setting of herbes and sowynge seds x d. **Item** payed for herbis to set & seds to sowe ij s. o^b. **Item** payed for poulls for the herbes & Roods to bynd w^t ij s. ij d. xiiij s. vij d. o^b.

To a
Carpent for
Rayling &
bordynge the
gartheyng

Item payed for xxij fott of Tembr for the Raylls & posts vnder the Raylls eu^y fott the pris ij d. iiij s. viij d. **Item** sawyng of the same tembr xij d. **Item** for xij qr^ts eu^y qr^t ij d. ij s. **Item** for ix qr^ts price of a pece j d. o^b. xiiij d. o^b. **Item** for v C of planch borde eu^y C ij s. x d. xiiij s. ij d. **Item** for half a C of quart bord the price therof xvij d. **Item** for ij carpenters for a day at viij d. a day a man xvj d. **Item** for ij carpenters for iij dayes werk and half iiij s. viij d. **Item** for a carpent^r for on day viij d. **Item** for a carpent^r ij dayes and a nother a day ij d. **Item** for mendyng of the fot of the seller stayre iiij d. **Item** for v C of vj penne naylls & v penne naylls ij s. **Item** payed for drynke j d.

Som of all chargs of the gartheyng xlix s. j d. o^b.

Repacions
at crepilgate

Item payed for a half a C of planche bord & di C of qr^t borde ij s. viij d. **Item** payed for cc & xx fott of borde vj s. vj d. **Item** payed for iiij qr^te ij d. a pece viij d. **Item** payed for ij jests xvj d. **Item** payed for vj C of vj pene naylls v d. nayll & iiij pene naylls ij s. ij d. **Item** payed to carpenter for v dayes viij d. a day iiij s. iiij d. **Item** payed for a lood of tell [tile] v s. iiij d. **Item** payed for v lood of lym x d. a lod iiij s. ij d. **Item** payed for ij lood of Sande xij d. **Item** payed for a C of lath viij d. & m^{li} of Rof naylls iiij d. xij d. **Item** payed for tell pence [tile pins] iiij d. & ij lod of lome viij d. xj d. **Item** for a C of lathe vij d. & for a m^{li} & di of spryg ix d. xvj d. **Item** for a dawbber & his laborer for iiij dayes iiij s. iiij d. **Item** payed to a laborer to cary out Robysh for a daye v d. **Item** payed to a carter for caryng a waye iiij load Robysh viij d. **Item** payed to a tellar & his laborer for ix dayes ix s. ix d. **Item** payed to a plomer for xix ft of Sawder viij s. ij d. **Item** payed for drynke and fyre for the plomer vij d. **Item** payed for beryng of tell from the haull to crepilgat iiij d. **Item** payed for a keye for a looke iiij d.

Sma liiij s. x d.

Item payed the same day [20 Feb.] for dynnar for master & the wardens w^t certeyn of the plement howse of our company vj s. vj d.

- Itm** payed the same day [23 Feb.] for dynnar at the kyngs hede in fletstret for the kyngs atarnaye the kyngs Celister mr cromwell the master and wardens Royedon & mylls ix s.
- Itm** on seint mathewes even payed for dynnar at the kyngs hed in fletstret for the kyngs atornaye mr. Cromwell Sr Willm Polyet master northe mr Rowse mr and the wardens and mo of the company whan they had comyncacion for our booke cost xxvj s. viij d.
- Itm** gave to me lord of the great Seall to be good to vs a hogghed of claryed wyne cost xl s.
- Itm** also mad a dynnar to hym to mr atorneye mr cromwell mr Riche mr. northe & gefford and a nother xiiij s. iiij d.
- Som^a spend at parlment xj ti. xiiij s. j d.

1532-3. **Itm** Rs of Clement kelyngworth for setting a fforen a wark by the space of vj weks contrary to the good rewells v s. **Itm** Rs of the sayd clement for vngoodly words spokyn a gaynst Nicolas peke in opyn awdyence of peple v s. **Itm** Rs of the sayd Nicolas peke for Revylyng of the sayd clement kelyngworthe in lykwyse v s. **Itm** Rs of the wedowe lat pyes wyff iiij d. **Itm** Rs of Thom^s fowll for Dissobedyence xx d. **Itm** Rs of Walter maykyns for vngoodly wordys spokyn a gaynst Thom^s fowst som tym his master xx d. **Itm** Rs of v psons that com not to the place a poyntynt wan they warned by the bedyll that is to saye henry clark Thom^s macham Willm hustwayt John Wencelow John palm x d. xix s. vj d.

ffirst payed for the Barge hire whan the maire went to westmenster to take his othe xv s./ **Itm** payed the ij stewards for the dynnar of them that dynt not at the yeld haull xxiij s./ **Itm** payed for wod & colls iiij s. j d. ij ti ijs. j d.

Itm payed whan the quene was fette fro grenwyche to the Duke of norfolke bargeman for the barge xxij s./ **Itm** payed to henry clarke that he layd out and spendyd on the Duks s²vands after we had hired the barge or we coude haue it vj s. iiij d. **Itm** payed for the barge-mance brekfast viij d. **Itm** payed for a kenderkyn of ale ijs. **Itm** for bred vj d. **Itm** payed to the bargemen for a Reward ijs. **Itm** to the bedyll to lambet to fetcche barge ij d. **Itm** payed to John abbot

carpenter for makyng of our standyng in cornelle xjs..

ij fi iiij s. viij d.

This large sum was spent by the Company as their part of the magnificent welcome given by the Corporation and all the Guilds to Henry's new Queen, Anne Boleyn, who passed through the City on the 31st May, the day before her Coronation at Westminster. Three pageants were prepared, and the Pewterers among the other Companies attended both in their barge on the river and in their "Standing" in Cornhill.

Item payed for a tabill and p [pair] of trystell for the lyttell plor iiij s.

Item payed for a longe Junet forme of wayn skot for the same ij s.

Item payed for a carpet for the same tabyll iiij s. iiij d.

Item payed for a crusyfix for the Jure booke iiij s.

Item payed to a glasyer for mendyng of the glas wyndows in the haull that wer broukyne & setyng them close viij s. vjd.

Item payed to the coleturs [collectors] after xv & halfe x s.

This was the Company's proportion of a general tax upon the City of one fifteenth and a-half.

Item payed for iiij men to wayt on the maire at mydsom̃ w^t bowe and arowys ij s. viij d. & makyng of tha harnese clen xx d. iiij s. iiij d.

Item payed for iiij harest men at mydsom̃ ij to the maire & ij to m̃ martyn shereff ix s. iiij d.

Item payed for a dos̃s of tronchers was geven to m̃ northe iiij s.

Item payed for dynnar of viij psons the xvijth of february iiij s.

Item spent at broks apon abbot of taystoke ij s.

Item payed for dynnar at hornnars for the m̃ & vij psons moo ij s. vjd.

Item payed for a pottell of ipocryse for to geve To master Cromwell, and the kyngs atornaye xx d.

Item payed on sonday for bot hire for vs broke & eued to me lord chanceler iiij d. & spent at broks iiij d. viij d.

Item payed on wedynsday from the duke of soffolke to the court iiij d. & from westmenster w^t m̃ northes clark to bryd well ij d. and after dynnar to the court & from y^e court iiij d. x d.

Item payed for a gowrnard [gurnet] for the duke of soffolke ij s. viij d. and for a pyeke [pike] and an ell iiij s. viij d. vij s. iiij d.

Item payed to a man to bere the same pent [present] v d.

Item payed for a dos^s tronchers for my lord lattymmer iiij s.

Item payed to master northes clark for bott hire to fetch the leeg [league] between france & yngland iiij d.

Item payed for a marche payne & v pyes of orenges for the kyngs atornaye and mⁿ northe iiij s. viij d.

A marchpain or march-pane was one of the triumphs of the cook's art in former times. It was a sweet cake or confection made of pistachio-nuts, almonds, sugar, &c. It was in high esteem in Shakespeare's time, as appears from the account of Queen Elizabeth's entertainment at Cambridge. It is said by Peck (*Desiderata Curiosa*, vol. ii, p. 29) that the University presented Sir William Cecil, their Chancellor, with two pairs of gloves, a march-pane, and two sugar-loaves.

Oranges were a very scarce fruit in Henry VIII's reign, and an "orange pie" was a costly dish fit for presentation to a man in high position.

ffirst payed to mⁿ Clarencious kyng of arme of the sowthe pertys of yngland for to conferme our patent newe iiij li. vj s. viij d. **Item** payed for viij yerds of fyne blewe Sersnet iiij s. vj d. yerd xxxvj s. vj d. **Item** payed to gatts the paynter staynner for makyng of the ij stremers and the banner for staynyng and freng [fringe] w^t all maⁿ of werkman-shep to the same belongyng iiij li. xiijs. iiij d. **Item** payed to his servands to drynke ijd. **Item** payed to a man to mak the banner staves longer xij d. **Item** payed to a sadiller to sennewe them glewe xvj d. **Item** payed for a case to put in our pattent of armes viij d. viij li. xix s. viij d.

There was an earlier Grant of Arms, of which few particulars are preserved. It is mentioned in the earliest Account, that of 1451-2 (p. 17), and in more detail in the inventory following the Account of 1455-6 (p. 19). The arms engraved on the seal provided after the charter of incorporation was obtained, in 1473-4 (p. 39), are identical with those at present in use, but are flanked on either side by a lily-pot, the Company's old emblem. The present grant seems, therefore, to have been nothing more than a confirmation. It is beautifully written and illuminated, as will be seen in the fac-simile opposite. The text of the document is as follows:—

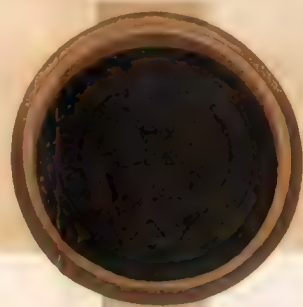
ffor renew-
yng the arms
of the
crafte.



All present and to come which these present letters shall see or here. I Thomas Benolt als Clarentiaux Kyng of
armes of the South. Est and west parties of this Realme of England from the Ryuer of Trent southward. sendith
due humble Recomendacon and gretyng in our lord god euerlastyng. Equite willith and reason ordeynith. that
the vertuose men. and of honest occupacon be by their meritis remunered & rewarded in this woilde & to be in ppetuall memo
rie for their good and vertuose name and fame. and their successors after them for euermore. Wherefore I the said Clarentiaux Kyng
of armes aforesaid considering the honest demeanour and good gouernaunce of the company mistery felawship and crafte of
pewterers of this noble cite of London hath been of olde tyme. and yett contynowed in good name and vertuose fame. so that the
said company and ffelawship haue ryght well desued to haue signes and tokens of armes gyuen and graunted to their said compny.
to be shewed att tymes and places conuenient in the laude and praysynge of the said ffelawship and company. And for as moche
as Thomas Chamberleyn master of the said worshipfull crafte and compeny of pewterers John Roydon. and John Keneston War
dens of the same company of pewterers aforesaid hath required and desired me the said Kyng of armes to gyue and graunte vnto
them Armes vnder the Seale of myne armes. and in consideraon of their honeste and vertuose disposicion the Kyng our
souueraigne lord preiued to be in them. dyd gyue and graunte vnto the said company their corporaon to vse their libertie
amongst them selues. Wherefore they be the more worthy to haue tokens of honour and noblesse to their said crafte and ffelawship
I the said Kyng of armes considering their request to be iuste and reasonable. by auctorite and power to myne offic annexed &
confermed and graunted by the Kyng Royall maiestie Henry the eight by the grace of god Kyng of Englonde and of ffraunce
Defensor of the ffeith and lord of Irland &c by expresse word in his lres patent vnder his grete seale &c. I the said Clarentia
ux Kyng of armes aforesaid. haue gyuen graunted ordeyned and assigned vnto the said ffelawship. crafte and company of pewterers
the blason and armes folowynge. That is to say a chiurcon gold betwene in syluer. vpon the chiurcon. three roses &
gucules their stalks budde and leues vert. as it aperith in this margent. and in their Sturmer our lady assumpcion powdered with
syllye pott and stryke with their worde accustomed. To haue and to holde to and for the said felawshippe crafte and compeny of
pewterers and their Successors for euermore without any impediment lett or interupcion. by any Kyng of armes or any other pson.
In witness wherof I the said Clarentiaux Kyng of armes of the South. Est. and west parties in maner abouesaid. hath signed
these present letters patent in myne owne hande. and sett ther vnto the Seale of myne armes. yeven at London. the xxviij Day of
maye. in the yere of our lord god. m. ccccc. xxxij. and in the xxvi yere of the Reigne of our said souueraign lord Kyng Henry the
eight.

Clarentiaux Kyng of armes R

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To all present and to come which thise present letters shall see or here, I Thomas Benolt ats Clarendiaux kyng of armes of the Sowth Est and west parties of this Realme of England from the Ryuer of Trent sowthwardē, sendith due humble Re^cōmendacion and gretynge in oure lord god euerlastyng Equite willith and reason ordeynith that the vertuose men and of honest occupaciōn be by their meritē renumered & rewarded in this worlde & to be in ppertuall memorye for their good and vertuose name and fame, and their successors after theym for euermore, wherefore I the said Clarendiaux kyng of armes aforesaid consideryng the honest demeanour and good gouernaunce of the company mistery felawship and crafte of Pewterers of this noble citie of london hath been of olde tyme, and yett contynowed in good name and vertuose fame, so that the said company and ffelawship haue ryght well defūed to haue signes and tokens of armes gyuen and graunted to their said cōpeny, to be shewed att tymes and places conuenyent in the laude and praysyng of the said ffelawship and company, And for as moche as Thomas Chamberleyne master of the said worshipfull crafte and compeny of pewterers, John Roydon and John Keneston wardeyns of the same company of Pewterers aforesaid hath required and desired me the said kyng of armes to gyue and graunte vnto them Armes, vnder the Seale of myne armes, and in consideracion of their honeste and vertuose disposicion the kyngē oure souueraigne lorde pceyued to be in them dyd gyue and graunte vnto the said company their corporacion to vse their liberties amongē them selues. Wherefore they be the more worthy to haue tokens of honour and noblesse to their said crafte and ffelawship I the said kyngē of armes consideryng their request to be Juste and reasonable by auctoritie and power to myne office annexed confermed and graunted by the kyngē Royall maiestie henry the eight by the grace of god kyng of Englonde and of ffrance Defensor of the ffeith and lorde of Irlandē &c. by expresse wordē in his tres patentē vnder his greate seale &c. I the said Clarendiaux kyng of armes aforesaid have gyuen graunted ordeyned and assigned vnto the said ffelawship crafte and company of pewterers the blason and armes folowyng. That is to say asure a chiueron gold betwene iij stryke siluer, vpon the chiueron three Roses gyeules their stalkē buddes and leues vert, as it

aperith in this margent, and in their Stremer oure lady assumpcion powdred with lyllye pottē and stryke with their worde accustomed. To haue and to holde to and for the said felawshippe crafte and compeny of pewterers, and their Successors for eūmore, withoute any impediment lett or interupcion by any kyng of armes or any other psone. In wytnes wherof I the said Clarenciaux kyng of armes of the South Est and west parties in maner abouesaid hath signed these presentē lettres patentē w^t myne owne hande, and sett ther vnto the Seale of myne armes, yeuen at london the xxvj day of maye in the yere of our⁹ lorde god mcccc^oxxxiiij, and in the xxv yere of the Reign of our said souueraign lord kyng henry the eight.

Clarencieux king of armes.

The important object which the Company had in view in approaching Parliament this year (*see* pp. 123-6) is seen in the following Statute, 25 Henry VIII, c. 9. It confirms the previous Acts, and confers many additional powers for preventing the importation of foreign pewter, which was threatening serious competition with the justly prized home manufacture. The value to the Company of this wide-reaching Act is shown by their re-printing it in 1741, and explains the extraordinary efforts in the way of presents and payments to statesmen, officials, and subordinates which seem to have been necessary to procure it.

Petition.

In their most lamentable wise shown, and pitteously complain unto the Kings most Royal Majesty, and to this most high Court of Parliament, the Kings most humble, poor, and obeysant Subjects, the Master, Wardens, and poor Fellowship of the Craft and Mystery of Pewterers, as well of the City of LONDON, as of all other Places within this Realm of ENGLAND; That where the said Craft or Mystery before this hath been one of the best Handicrafts within this Realm, which hath not only grown and continued by mean of diuers good Acts and Statutes made for the true Exercise of the same; whereof one was made in the 19th Year of the Kings most Renowned Father, whose Soul God pardon. And one other was made in the fourth Year of the Kings most victorious Reign, concerning the Crafts of Pewterers, and Brasiers; of and for the truer making, mixing, and selling of good and true Pewter, and brasen Vessels. And also for exercising and using of true Weights and Beams,

to be occupied by the Sellers of any such pewter or brasen Vessels, within this Realm, so that none of the Kings Subjects, nor any other Person, should (by any Sale of any false mixed brasen and pewter Vessel, or any untrue Weights) be deceived, as by the said Statutes more plainly doth appear.

Which good Statutes duly put in Execution, hath caused the said Craft to increase, and multiply, to the great Profit and Utililty of a great Number of the Kings Subjects; and the Commodity of Pewter Vessel much to be had in Reputation, in all strange Regions and Countreys, until now of late, divers evil disposed persons, being the Kings Subjects born, which have been Apprentices and brought up in the Exercise of the said Craft of Pewterers; have now of late, for their singular Lucre, repaired into strange Regions and Countreys, and there do exercise the said Craft of Pewterers, teaching Strangers, not only the Cunning of mixing and forging of all Manner of Pewter Vessel, but also do teach all Things belonging to the said Craft of Pewterers; by Means whereof, there is not only brought (daily into this Realm) out of strange Regions to be sold, great Number of Things made of Pewter, untruly mixed and made of Tin, wherewith the Kings Subjects be daily deceived, and the People of strange Countreys greatly instructed in the Cunning of the said Craft of Pewterers, in such wise that thereby not only a great Number and Quantity of Pewter Vessel, and other Things of Pewter, made in divers Sorts and Fashions, amounting to a great Value, which was daily and continually wont to be carried and conveyed out of this Realm, by Merchants, into strange Regions and Countreys, and there to be sold and vended. Whereby the Commodity of Tin made into Pewter Vessel, which hath been had in great Estimation; as Things very necessary and commodious, and the Kings Customs thereby much advanced, is now utterly to cease and decay; and not to be esteemed as heretofore hath been, but also the said Craft of Pewterers, which at this Day setteth and keepeth in Work and Occupation a great Number of People, shall be utterly undone. And a great Multitude of the Kings natural Subjects, thereby fall into Idleness, to the great Impoverishment of this Realm; if speedy Remedy for the Redress of the Premises be not provided.

Any manner
of Pewter
wrought out
of this
Realm to be
forfeited.

In tender Consideration whereof, and for Reformation of the Premises, it may please your Highness, by the Assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, to Ordain and Enact, that no person or persons hereafter, at any Time now inhabiting, or which hereafter shall inhabit within this Realm, shall buy, or otherwise take by Exchange for other Wares, any Wares made, or hereafter to be made out of this Realm, of Tin, or mixt with Tin, as Platters, Dishes, Sawcers, Pots, Basins, Ewers, Flaggons, Goblets, Salts, Salt sellers, Spoons, or any other Thing made of Tin or Pewter as aforesaid; whosoever it be, upon pain of Forfeiture of the same Ware, in whose Hands soever it may be found or taken: And also lawful Money currant in this Realm to the Value thereof. The one Half of the same Forfeiture to be to the Use of the Kings Highness, and the other Half to the Use of the Finders of the same.

Penalty.

Search and
Seizure.

And furthermore be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Master and Wardens of the said Craft of Pewterers, as well within the City of LONDON, as within every other City, Borough, and Town of this Realm where such Wardens be. And where no such Wardens be, to the Head Officer or Governour, Head Officers or Governours of the same City, Borough, or Town, for the time being, to appoint divers Persons most expert in Knowlege of the same, to make Search and Seizure, and to take into their Hands and possession all such Wares as hereafter shall be brought contrary to the true Intent and Effect of this present Act, in whose soever hands or possessions any such shall be found.

No strangers
to be em-
ployed.

And also be it Enacted by the Authority abovesaid, That no person or persons, occupying the said Craft or Occupation of Pewterers, within this Realm, shall set on work, or retain in his or their Service, any person or persons, to be his or their Apprentice or Journey-man, being Strangers born out of this Realm; upon pain to forfeit for every such Apprentice and Journey-man ten pounds Sterling. And that no Stranger, born out of this Realm, shall occupy, exercise, or use, from the Feast of Pentecost next coming, the said Craft of Pewterers, nor work any manner of Vessel or other Ware aforesaid to be made of Tin or Pewter, within any place or

places of this Realm, upon pain of Forfeiture of Ten pounds Sterling, and also upon pain of Forfeiture of the same Pewter or Tin so wrought, in whose Hands soever it may be taken or found.

Not to
exercise the
Craft be-
yond Sea.

And also be it Enacted by Authority aforesaid, That no person nor persons, being born within this Realm, occupying or exercising the said Craft of Pewterers, shall at any time hereafter resort to any strange Regions or Countries, there to use, teach or exercise the said Craft of Pewterers, upon pain to lose the Privilege and Benefit of an Englishman. And if in case any of the Kings Subjects at this present Time, being dwelling in any strange Country or Region, and there occupying the said Craft of Pewterers, do not repair into this Realm, within three Months next after Request and Warning to him be given, by Writing sealed with the common Seal of the Wardens of the said Craft within the said City of LONDON, and here in this Realm continually from henceforth dwell and inhabit, that then and from henceforth he shall be taken and reputed as no Englishman, but shall stand and be from henceforth out of the Kings Protection.

Hawkers.

And forasmuch as sundry evil-disposed Persons which commonly be called Hawkens, by Authority of the Kings Letters Patents or Placard, do not only go about from place to place, within this Realm, using Buying and Selling of Brass and Pewter: And by colour and pretence of the same Licenses and Placards, use unlawful and deceivable Weights and Beams, but also do use to sell both Pewter and Brass which is not good, nor truly, nor lawfully mixt nor wrought, to the great Deceit of the Kings true liege People, contrary to the Form and Effect of the said good Act and Statute made in the said fourth Year of the Kings most Noble Reign. Be it therefore Enacted by Authority of this present Parliament, That all such Licenses and Placards heretofore had, made or granted to any such person or persons, contrary to the true Meaning, Form, and Effect of this Statute, shall be from henceforth by Authority of this present Parliament clearly void and of none Effect. And whereas in the said Act of Parliament, (concerning the Craft of Pewterers and Brasiers) made in the said fourth Year, for divers Causes and Considerations in the same contained, among other Things it is expressed,

That no person or persons, using the said Craft of Pewterers or Brasiers, should from henceforth sell or change any Pewter or Brass, new or old, at any place or places within this Realm, but only in open Fairs and Markets, or in their own Dwelling-houses, but if they were desired by the Buyers of such Wares, upon pain of Forfeiture of every such Default 10/.

Penalty on
Hawkers.

Forasmuch as the same Forfeiture is to the only Use of the Kings Highness, and that any Party, searching or finding the same, is not intituled to have any Benefit thereby, it hath not been known that any person or persons have taken any pain to insearch or make any Inquiry thereof. By reason whereof, divers and many evil-disposed Persons, using Buying and Selling both of Brass and Pewter, and not regarding the said good Act, nor the said Penalty, daily go about from Village to Village, Town and Town, and from House to House, to sell such Pewter and Brass which is not good. And also use deceivable Weights and Beams, as they did before the making of the said Act, to the great Hurt and Deceit of the Kings true liege People and Subjects. Wherefore be it Enacted by the Authority abovesaid, That as well the Moiety of the said Forfeiture of Ten pounds, limited in the said Estate made in the said fourth Year, as also the Moiety of all other Forfeitures before expressed; and every of them be and shall be to the Use of the Kings Highness, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety of the same Forfeitures, and every of them, to the Use of him or them that shall seize, find, or present the said Forfeitures, or any of them, or that shall sue for the same in any competent Court or Courts within this Realm, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein the Defendant shall in no wise be admitted to wage his Law, or any Protection or Essoin to any person or persons, which shall be impeached to have offended contrary to the Form and Effect of this Statute, shall be allowable. This Act to endure to the last Day of the next Parliament.

ffor our ordinance **Itm** payed for the confirmacion of our ordynance in expences first payed to **m** onleye to haue his counsell iiij s. viij d. **Itm** payed for brekfast at **m** broks whan we disyred hym to goo w^t **m** onleye to me lord chanceler xij d. **Itm** payed for a horse for **m** broke whan **m** onleye Rood for vs to me lord Chanceler xx d I payed

for a nother horse for vrswyk viij d. **Itm** gave to m̄ onley for his labore the sam tym xx s. **Itm** payed for horsmet iiij d. **Itm** payed for our sopper xiiij d. **Itm** spend a nother tym whe we went to spek w^t broke v d. **Itm** the wardyn and vrswyk spendyd at stretforthe when they went to speke w^t m̄ onleye iiij d. **Itm** payed at broks for brekfast for my lord Chanslers servants & broug^{ht} the wrytyng fro me lord & had it a gayn iij s. x d. **Itm** payed for bott hire the same tyme ij d. ob. **Itm** payed to hedlaye clarke of the chambr of london to have his counsell xij d. **Itm** spend on the sayd hedlaye at suyt in easchep for his brekfast xij d. **Itm** gave to my lord Chancellor a garnesh of vessell weyng lxxxviij lb iiij d. ob the lb xxxiij s. to brekylbank for wrytyng vj s. viij d. to James stods for wrytting in pchement vj s. viij d. iij li. ij s. vj d. ob.

Itm payed to Thom's curtē that he payed for lokyng the books for goyng on proceshcion xij d.

Itm payed whan went graves end for barge up & down for iiij men xvj d.

Itm payed for j qrts of ffagot & ij qrts of colls for to drys met [dress meat] whan mylls wyf was berryed xxj d.

1533-4. **Itm** pd^d to vj harnese men for the mayres for the schyryffs for mydsom̄ & seynt peto's nyght xij s.

Itm for iiij mens which went wth the maire w^t bowys at mydsom̄ & seynt peto's [Peters] Evyn ij s. viij d.

Itm for wasshyng and hemyng of the cotts for the bowemen . . . viij d.

Itm ffor xvj straks of Tynne waying vij lb qrt^l at iiij d. ob the lb. ij s. viij d.

This entry confirms the view previously expressed as to the meaning of the term "strakes" or "strikes." They are shown to have been small objects, weighing only $7\frac{1}{4}$ oz. each, either actually or in the average. The fact of their being bought by weight at 4d. per pound, strongly suggests that they were small blocks of tin in an unmanufactured state.

Itm pd to harry basse grauo^r ffor the new grauynge the sealle off causys xij s.

This seal was made eighty years before. See p. 39.

Itm pd^d ffor a dynn^r made for the kyngs atto^{ney} and mr speker xxx s. viij d.

- Item** paid To mr selyster [solicitor] iiij li. vj s. viij d.
Item for pyppyns and botthyer [boat hire] v d.
Item spent at broks taune and the bulles hedde in cheppe ix d.
Item for ij doss' Trenchars whiche was geuyn to the kyngs atto'ney
 waying xvij lb at vj d. ix s.

These trenchers were of better quality and workmanship than the garnish below, which cost only $4\frac{3}{4}d.$ per lb.

- Item** ffor a pottell bottell geuyn to the kyngs Atto'ney [A pottle is a liquid measure of 4 pints] ij s. iiij d.
Item ffor a holle garnysshe of vessell geven to the kyngs Atto'ney waying
 iij xvj lb p's the lb iiij d. ob q xxxviij s. vj d.
Item pd for the breckefaste at the Rosse at Westm^r of the mr w^t wardeyns
 mr baxto^r mr Royden myllis everyd and me xvij d.
Item pd to the coke of the tempill for steyn metts whiche was spente at
 the kyngs hedde iiij s. viij d.
Item pd to John haward wardeyn of the collage off petycannons of
 powlls for a holle yeres quytt rent endyng at mydsom for a nobbett
 to be kepte ffor mr gottame xxvj s. viij d.
Item pd to Willelm Weyver sgeaūt [serjeant] for his holle yeres fee
 vj s. viij d. and for his attendance geuyng at o^r hall for disobedyant
 psons xij d. vij s. viij d.
Item pd ffor a malvissay vessell for Wat^o Tows xiiij d.

Arabic figures for the date heading are first used this year in the Yeomanry accounts.

- 1534-5.** **Item** paid for the dyner for theym that dynded not at Guylde
 hall xxxij s.
Item paid to the dromslawe xx d.

This performer is called a drumslade in the accounts of 1539-40. He accompanied the fifes or pipes on the Company's barge.

- Inprimis** geven to my lorde maire of Newyeres day for his Newyeres
 gift iiij li.

This continued for many years as an annual payment to the Lord Mayor from the Company "to be good unto them."

- Item** payed to the wardeyns of the yoma^{ry} of the money tha cam out of
the chamb iij li.
Item for a quyre of paper ij d. ob.
Item wham went to enquire of the mat^h betwixt the yomanry and the
clothyng xvij d.

No mention of this dispute is found in the account book of the Yeomanry, but an entry in the City records (*Repertory* 9, fol. 96b.) gives the decision of the Court of Aldermen, dated 25th February, 26 Henry VIII, as follows: **For** the matter yn varyance betwene the pewterers & the yomanry of the same It ys agreed that by the agrement of Master & Wardeyns of the same mystery no Iourney man of the sayd occupacion that afore thys tyme hath bene apprentice withyn thys Cytie shalbe suffred to be Idell but at all tymes hereafter accordyng as he shalbe hable shalbe sett on worke w^t the Masters of the sayd Craft & have theyre wages well & truely payed accordyng to theyre dimerytes.

- Item** whan my lorde maire sat in our hall for wyne waffars a potell of
ypocras for brede ale and wood & coles iiij s. x d. ob.

Hippocras was a cordial composed of wine with an infusion of spices and other ingredients.

- Item** paid to our pdecessours for the almosse of the yomanry viij s. iij d.
Item paid to sr harry hayward prest for iiij skynnes prce the skynne
iiij d. xvj d.
Item for the lymyng [painting or illuminating] of the same . . . xvj d.
Item for the writyng of the ordenn^{ce} & the intetelyng of the articles
xij s.
Item for the byndyng of the same & the stuff pteynyng thereto . . . xx d.
Item for writyng of the foure gospels viij d.
Item for ij gernards that we gave to my lorde maire . . . iij s. j d.
Item for woodde to make a fyar iij d.
Item for Rysshes the same tyme ij d.
Item for a Galon of ypocras iiij s iij d.
Item for a Galon & a potell of Cleret wyne xij d.

Item to the gardyn ⁿ for makyng of the gardyn.	x d.
Item for drynke for the master & wardeyns at Guylde hall gate	v d.
Item paied for brekyng of a lidde of a stone potte at a hal ^d asshers house	ij d.
Item for caryeng a poore man out of the hall to the churche	iiij d.
Item for a sheafe & xx ^{ti} arrowes at ij s. the sheafe	iiij s. viij d.

A "sheaf" is generally supposed to have contained 24 arrows, but this estimate does not agree with the above entry.

Item for feathryng of ij sheafe & iiij arrowes & xij heddes	xx d.
Item for iiij cases & iiij girdels at ten pens the case & girdelle	iiij s. iiij d.
Item to iiij bowmen in harneys for two nyghts watchyng	ij s. viij d.
Item to iiij harnes men in complete harneys the which were sent to my lorde maire	viiij s.
Item to two harnes men the which were set to mr Denam the Shirif from mr Roydon	iiij s.
Item for pavyng of lviiij yards at ij d. a yerde at mr magson ⁿ and harmyngstrongs dores	ix s.
Item vij lode of pavyng sto ⁿ price the lode xvj d.	ix s. iiij d.
Item for two grattes of lede wayng vj li	vj d.
Item for xvj li of plomars sodar at v d. li	vj s. viij d.
Item for a sokette of lede wayng x li	x d.
Item to a carpent ^r for layeng of two pieces in the draught in the hall	viiij d.
Item for two bondell of poles & rodde to bynde the arbar	vj d.
Item for a bokette for the welle	viiij d.
Item to the carpenters for fyue rayles for the vyne	ij s. j d.
Item for drynke & brede for the mr wardeyns & thassistaunces	iiij d.

The "assistaunces" were probably the Past Masters of the Company, who afterwards developed into the Court of Assistants.

Item wee aske allowannce as our p ^r decessours did for our dynar of our lady day	xxvj s. viij d.
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1535-6. Quit rents. **Item** payed to the abbot & covent Serls obet iiij s. iiij d. **Item** payed to sr Rob^t astlyn subden of powlls for a holl

yer endyd at mydsomer for his obet xx s. **Itm** payed to the warden of peters comons at poulls to kep an obet for master gottam for a holl yer endyd at mydsomer xxvj s. viij d. **Itm** payed to the master & brethern of seinte Thoms of akers a quit rent out the howsyng w'out crepylgat called Gregore ale for a holl [year] endyd at michalmas iij fi. iij s. iij d.

“Peters commons” is a curious illiterate rendering of Petty Canons.

Itm payed to thorowgood s'geand wan we Serche xx d.

Itm geven to my lord chanceler ij garnesh of vessell weyng viij xij lb at iij d. ob. q^r a lb iij fi. viij s. ij d.

Itm payed for brekfast when we Serche her in the citie for the offycer & vs viij d.

Itm gave vnto my lord the maire that he shuld be good to the craft as he hathe bene alwayes for his New yers gyft iij fi.

Itm re of on Niclas Rose a haberdasher for iij dosē small salts vj goblets iij dosē ston pot heds valued at v s.

The haberdashers appear to have dealt largely in the smaller kinds of pewter ware. Frequent entries concerning their misdeeds appear in these records.

Itm rs of Thoms arnold for the vj horses that was bought for the men to goo Northeward w^t the kyng grace iij fi. xij s. iij d.

Itm payed to James stods for wrytyng of a sublycacion to me lord the maire xij d.

Itm for a quartron faggots x d. & iij sakks of colls ijs ijs. x d.

A formidable insurrection arose this year (1536) in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, which was known as the Pilgrimage of Grace. It was occasioned by the popular indignation against the suppression of the smaller monasteries by an Act of Parliament passed in that year. The insurgents were joined by the Archbishop of York and several noblemen, and the Duke of Norfolk was sent against them with a hastily summoned army. This included a levy from the City of London of 250 armed men, 200 of them well horsed, which the Livery Companies were required by the Mayor to furnish within twenty-four hours. The Mercers were

to provide twenty men, the Grocers, Drapers, Merchant Taylors and Clothworkers, sixteen each. The other Companies were assessed according to their ability to supply contingents varying from twelve to two, the quota demanded from the Pewterers being six horsemen. The rebels had seized York and Hull, and the Duke of Norfolk found it best to temporize with them, inducing them to disperse by the offer of a general pardon and the promise that Parliament should sit next year in the north to redress their grievances. The particulars that follow give an interesting picture of the varied duties which were laid upon the wardens of a City Company, including the purchase, grazing, and sale of horses at very short notice.

The prepacion & setting forth of vj men w^t hors & harnes to wayt on the kynges grace northwarde. **ffirst** payed to m^r mednall for ij horses pris iij li. **Itm** payed to Nicolas gaskcon for a horse xxviij s. iij d. **Itm** payed to Thoms arnold for a hors w^t sadil & brydill xvj s. **Itm** payed to John parker for a horse xx s. **Itm** payed John Spragyn for a hors xiijs. iij d. vj li. xvij s. viij d.

Itm payed for vj p of botts & vj p of spors xjs. x d.

Itm payed for vj swerds & vj daggers xvjs.

Itm payed for xxij^{ti} yards of whit cotton for cotts price euý yard vj d. ob. xj s. xj d.

Itm payed to a tayllor for making of vj cotts & for red clothe for crosses & armes of the citee ijs. vj d.

Itm payed for hors meat afor the goyng out of Sadyors viij s. x d.

Itm payed for the carage of vj p of harnes the whiche com fro m^r Jans to the haull the [? which] he gave frely to serve the craft as pereth i a nother boke ij d

Itm payed for vj dos^s poynts to harnes men w^t xj d.

Itm payed for iij bowys viij s. iij d.

Itm payed for iij shutyng gloues & bowstryng vj d.

Itm payed for vj schef arowys to mak vp a scheff vj d.

Itm payed for iij sadylls xs.

Itm payed for mending of sadylls & streplethere ijs.

- Item** for mendyng of ij p of botts viij d.
- Item** payed mendyng of a sallet and for ale & for brass . . . ij d. ob.
- Item** payed for schoyng of horsses vj d. ob.
- Item** payed on earnest for ij horsses & had them not . . . viij d.
- Item** payed for bokkells lethere & Naylls for the harnese . . . vij d.
- Item** payed for brekfast for the vj men xij d.
- Item** payed to the vj men whan the mvster was don vj s.
- Item** payed to the vj men ther prest moneye when they delyued to theyr
Captayn euŷ on v s. vj d. xxxiij s.
- Item** payed for sortyng of the harnes & mendyng of the same & harnesyng
of the men xij d.
- Item** payed for ther brekfast at arnolds viij d.
- Item** payed to the vj men whan they com home agayn at my
lord mairs comandment euŷ man x s. we to haue ther hors &
harnes iij ti.
- Item** paid for horsmet when they com home agayn for iiij dayes standyng
at hard meat at arnolds vj s. vj d.
- Item** payed for vj horse grasyng for iij dayes & ij nyghts ij s.
- Item** payed to the bedyll to carye the horsses to stretforth ij d.
- Item** ther they wer at gres fro the xxiiijth day of octobr to the xvjth day
of Nouembr euŷ weke vd. a horse viij s. iij d.
- payed** Nicolas carter for vij dayes at haull to mak clen the harnes bylls
& hauberds & for mendyng of the harnes after they cam hom for
bokkells lethers & hokks to hang the harnes vpon iij s. xj d.
- Item** payed for the brekfast of them that gave a tendance to see the men
set forthe xvij d.
- Item** payed for makyng a nobligacion be twen arnold and for the sale of
the horsses iij d.
- 1537-8.** **Item** payed to the waxchandiller for makyng of xiiij fl. of
old wax ij d. a fl. ij s. ij d. **Item** for ix fl. di of newe wax at viij d.
the fl vj s. iij d. **Item** for newe payntyng of iij angells & iij Rosses
crowned ij s iij d. x s. x d.

The rose was an emblem of the Company, and one of the charges in their armorial bearings. A crowned rose was used also for marking pewter, and may have been an *official* mark of the Company.

Item payed to the master and bretheren of Seint Thoms of acres a quitrent out of gregores ale [alley] w^tout crepillgat xij s. iiij d.

This was the last payment made to this famous religious house before its suppression.

From the inventory at foot of account. **And** more in pewt^r belongyng to the hall iij bassons and iij yewars, iij dd̄ [dozen] plattars, iij dd̄ j dysche, iij dd̄ ij sawcers, & vj v^t chargars bareld, xij iij^t chargars bareld, xij pottell potts, xiiij quarte potts, xij pynte potts, xv small drynk- yng potts, wher of one was brockyn & vj salts. And more in new vessayll y^t came from pecks xviiij newfassyond plattars & iij newfassyond dyschys.

The last entry is crossed through, and following it is the note "delyuyd to Nycolas peake agayne."

1538-9. **Receyved** of the sayd inquest of the warde mote for syttyng and occupying of o^r hall for the Cryste mas sceason iij s. iiij d.

Receyved of xiiij psons of the sayd Compeny for comyng afte^r the owre that thay war warned the Corte dey byfore mydsomer last paste at ij d. a pece vppō amēdmēt ij s. iiij d.

Item for the hyre of a barge w^t xijth orys to westemynsto^r xvij s. viij d.

Item delyvord to nychollas pecke and wyllam phyppys ffor a dyner at owre hall the same dey the mayre toke hys othe for the Rest of the Compeny whiche that dey dyned not at the yelde hall xxv s.

The charge of the purchase of o^r howsce in ffanchorche strete of late Antony porters.

Item payd to the sayd Antony portar for the purchase of the sayd howsce and gronde belongyng to the same xxj ti.

Item to maysto^r Chydley for hys devyssce of the wryttingys for the assewrans of the sayd howssce v s.

- Item** payd to bryght the skreveno^r for the ingrosyng of scerten wryttyngs
concernyng the assurans of the sayd howsce a payre of indenturys a
dede a realesce and ij oblygacions vj s. viij d.
- Item** payd to the Clerke of the stapyll to make ssearche whethe^r the sayd
porter was by fore bownd in any stastute xij d.
- Item** payd for drynke when we toke posscescyon ij d.
Sm xxj li. xij s. x d.



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CHAPTER IV.

The Reformation.

THE sweeping religious measures of Henry VIII were now in full progress. The suppression of the larger monasteries soon followed that of the smaller ones. The houses of the Friars, Black, White, Grey and Augustinian surrendered to the King, who also took possession of the great Hospitals, Priories, and other religious foundations. The Hospital of St. Thomas of Acon or Acres, founded in honour of Thomas à Becket, was ultimately purchased by the Mercers' Company, who converted the buildings for use as their Hall and Chapel. Meanwhile the quit-rent for the property in Gregory Alley, formerly paid to that Hospital, was now paid by the Pewterers' Company to the King's rent gatherer.

Item payd to thomas adam Renttegatherer for ow^r sovereyn lorde the kyng of the suppreste londys of thomas beckett for a yerly quwytt-rent owte of gregorys alle w'owte Crepulgate dew at myghelmas laste paste xiiij s. iiij d.

The chargys a gaynst the Generall mustor holden the viijth dey of may.

Item payd for ij ellys and iiij q^{ts} canvas for to make iiij payre of dublette sclevys for them that went to the mustor at vj d. the ell . . . xvj d.

Item payd for xiiij yardys of whytte Cotto for theyr cottys at vj d. the yarde agaynst the sayd mustor. vij s.

Item for makyng of the sayd cottys and redde Crossys at vj the pece agaynst the sayd musto^r ij s.

Henry having thrown off his allegiance to the Pope was threatened with a coalition against him of the Emperor and the French King. A general muster of all his male subjects throughout England and Wales between the ages of sixteen and sixty was accordingly summoned. The citizens of London met on the 8th of May, 1539, at Mile End, and consisted of three divisions of five thousand men each, exclusive of pioneers and other attendants. After marching through the City they were reviewed by the King and Queen at Westminster, and returned to the City by way of Holborn.

Item payd for hopyng of the bultyng tubbe in the larder v d.

Item payd for iij q^{ts} di of Red vellott for the new garnysshyng of the garlandys whyche the wardens be chosyn wth vij s. xj d.

Item payd to wyllam callaway goldsmyth for the workmanshpy of owre lady assumpcyon in sylver and gyldyng therof for the sayd garlandys ijs.

1539-40. **Item** receued of masteris Myllys that she gaue to make the clothyng a denar at her husbands buryall xx s. Whiche xx s. the clothyng gaue towarde the charge goyng to Grenwhiche for the fecchyng in of the Ladye Anne of Clevelonde xx s.

Anne of Cleves, Henry's new bride, landed at Dover on 27th December, 1539, and passed through London to her coronation at Westminster Abbey on 4th February following. The citizens accompanied the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in their barges to Greenwich, whence the King and Queen were escorted from the Royal Palace with great pomp to Westminster.

Item receued of Edwarde meetcalf for that that hys wyf made a promyse in her wodohode to the master and wardens then beyng for the paymēt of xxv s. the which Edwarde hathe agreed wth the said master and wardens and assistaunce for a full payment and ende of the same xs.

Charge at the receueng of The ladie Anne of Cleve londe. **Item** to the bargeman for the hyer of his barge withe x Orys [ten oars] xxjs.

Item paied for the hier of a drumslade and to a man wth a pype ijs. viij d.

The other items for fitting up the barge on the occasion of this elaborate water pageant include "vj targetts at xv d. the pece," "xvjs. viij d. to the paynter for payntyng of ij olde Stremers banars and the viij ban's for trompeto's," & "planche bords and raylles for to tryme the barge w^t rayllis abowte." These boards were taken from the Hall to Lambeth, where the barge lay. The cost of "nayllis and taynterhockis [tenterhooks] to hang vp the clothis [draperies] aboute the barge" was ij d., and time ran so short that iiij d. was "payed for a bote to lambith to haste the Barge the mornynge that the ladie Anne came yn."

Item payed to viij men that bere cressetts and ij men [that] bere baggs at viij d. the pece vjs. viij d.

Item payed for x greate strawen hattys xv d.

Item payed to master Urswyke for the workmanship of the vpper parte of a stylletorie wayeng xiiij lb. at j d. ob le pounce S^m xix d. ob And for the workmanship of the nether parte of leede wayeng xxvij lb. at ob le pounce s^m xiiij d ob. The whiche stilleterie was geven to the mayor.

Item payed to a man to se the tonnys ffylde for waccheng three nyghts at viij d. the night ijs.

The above entry appears under the heading of "Repacyons at Gregory Alley."

1540-1. Item receued of Master Cvrtes for the estraung⁹ [stranger] that hathe his libertie to pase the tyme for hys pleasur in our hawll w^t his company for the space of fyve Monethis paying after vs. for a monythe S^m xxv s.

It would be interesting to have known the name of this "estraunger," who seems to have hired the hall for the purpose of entertaining his friends. No public accommodation for such purpose was then available, as the taverns boasted no apartments of large size, nor could they be hired for exclusive use. There was a dancing master later, *see* page 149.

Item payed to m^r Alayne of the Chekker [Exchequer] for a write for lx lb. of blacke lay and ^{xx}x lb. of bras by the Informaconⁿ of bellamy of Taunton and for bott hyer at ij tymes ijs. iiij d.

1541-2. In p^rmis receued of Jarvys Hylton for stondyng in Edmond Browars stondyng at Gravisende iijs. iiij d.

This fine was imposed during the search at Gravesend Fair. Unfair practices towards brother tradesmen were strictly repressed.

To the Clarke and his company for syngyng of mase and dirige iijs. iiij d.

The payments for "our Lady day" at Allhallows usually included this large payment to the Clerk who was assisted in the musical portion of the service by his brethren of the Company of Parish Clerks.

Item geuen to the speker of the pliament in reward xij frenche platters & xij disshis of pewter wayng liij lb. at v d. o^b the lb. S^m xxiiij s.

In p^rmis p^d to the kyng for his subcide xxjs. x d.

This is the earliest recorded instance of the Company's contribution to a royal subsidy.

Item p^d to the kyngs prynter for pryntyng of a hundrethe of o^r Actys vij s. vj d.

Item spent the daye that y^e master warden went to serche beyondsee warre in london vj d.

"Beyond sea ware" is a quaint expression for foreign pewter.

Item p^d for o^r denⁿ [dinner] and the maires officers in the Dager in Chepe when wee went to serche haberdasshers shopps in london ij s.

And the sayd accowmp^te we allowe to be good & parfet sayyng only suche partyculars as we have crossyd ow^t & not allowyd. And ffurthar we wyll that the sayde Rychard crostwayt Thoms fflowle and harry clarke schall make a parfet & a iust accowmp^te as well of ther Receytts as of ther payments ffor ther rydyng & goyng a bowte in serche for this yere by twene this & candell^ms next comynge. of th^t that ys now come to ther hands and ffurthar we awdyt th^t all suche matt's as be in svet [suit] in the kyngs excheccar by ther Informacyon & not yet recoueryd schall at all tymmys & from tyme to tyme as they may reco^u any some of money agaynst any parson for offendyng of the kyngs hyghnes stattuts consarnyng the craft of pewterars or any thyng havyng now in ther hands or here aft^r schall have by vartu of ther serche w^t in ther sayd yere shall bryng in all suche some or somys of money w^t in the space of monthe after the

Receyte ther of & make a yvste [just] accowmpte ther of and at ther accowmpte the sayd craft to allow them ther costs & chargs accordyng to ryght & good consyens, and wyche of them that ys fownde fawty and denyeth thus to do, to forfayt for euÿ peny doble that he schall so receyve or come to hys hands & not brynge in.

Item p^d for o^r drynkyng at the bailie of the Savoies howse when the beame was tached at the copsmytthis howse vj d.

This entry is crossed through, not having been allowed at the audit, as explained in the entry above. The Savoy, formerly a palace and at this time a hospital, situated on the south of the Strand near Wellington Street, was a Royal manor, and as such had its own "bailie" or chief official.

1542-3. *Also* we charge vs w^t iij^{li} s^t [sterling] whiche was recoverd in the mayrs Corte to the vse of o^r Cumpeny ffor scerten yerden [? garden] pottys takyn by maysto^r curtes then beyng maysto^r wyllā hustwhayt and Thomas machym wardens iij li.

This is the earliest instance that I can find in the records of the introduction of the term "Company" in place of "Craft," "Mistery" or "Fraternity." (*See note on page 5.*)

Item more gevoyn to the sayd maysto^r maysson a threquarte fflagon pryce iij s.

This fine flagon appears among several other gifts and payments amounting to 53s. 7d., incurred in obtaining the Company's final Act of confirmation passed in the 33rd year of Henry VIII (c. 4). The Act recites the statute of 25 Hen. VIII, c. 9 (*see pages 128-132*), and proceeds thus:

Whiche Act was appointed to endure only to the End of the next Parliament, then next following, and which Act was afterwards renewed in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the 28th Year of the Reign of our Sovereigh Lord, to endure until the end of the next Parliament then next following. And which Act was also renewed at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the 31st and 32nd Years of our said Sovereigh Lords Reign, to endure until the last Day of the next Parliament then next ensuing: Prayen therefore in this present Parliament our said Sovereigh Lords true and obedient Subjects the Pewterers of this his said

Realm, and other the true Commons of the same, because the same Act is beneficial and necessary for the Common-wealth of this Realm: That it may be enacted by the King our said Sovereign Lord, the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the Commons in the present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, for as much as the same Act, and every Thing therein contained, is good and beneficial to the Common-wealth of this Realm, and all and every the said Acts and Statutes, and all and every Article, Sentence, and Clause comprised in the same, may from henceforth stand and abide in as full Strength and Effect, for evermore from henceforth to endure, according to the Purport, Tenour and Effect of the same Act and Acts, as though the said Articles, Sentences and Clauses, were specially limited, recited, or declared in this present Act. And that no person nor persons, from henceforth buy or take to exchange, or otherwise take into or within this Realm, to the Intent to sell any such Things or Wares, above rehearsed, made or to be made out of this Realm, upon pain of like Forfeitures and Penalties, as are and were expressed in the said several Acts, the same Penalties and Forfeitures to be levied, as is before expressed.

And that it may be further enacted by Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons, do unlawfully withstand, interrupt, disturb, or let the Master and Wardens, or their Deputies of the said Craft of Pewterers, for the Time being, or the Head-Officer or Governour, Head-Officers or Governours of Cities, Towns and Boroughs, within this Realm, wherein no such Master and Wardens are, or shall be, or any of them, in searching, seizing, and taken into their Hands and Possessions such Wares as shall happen to be bought, or brought into this Realm contrary to the Purport and Effect of the said Statute, made in the said 25th Year of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lord, and then every such person and persons so offending, in letting, disturbing, or withstanding the said Seizure, or taking of such Wares as is aforesaid, shall loose and forfeit for every Time so doing, the Sum of five Pounds Sterling, the one Half whereof, shall be to the King's Use, and the other Half to him or them that will or shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Writ, Bill, Complaint, or Information in any the Kings Courts of Record, in which Action or Suit, no Protection, Privilege, nor Wager of Law, shall be allowed nor admitted.

Wares
made and
brought
from
beyond the
Seas.

Master and
Wardens
shall not be
withstood in
their Search

The Act thus finally amended, gave the Company powers which remained in vigorous use for the next two centuries; it was reprinted without alteration as their empowering statute in 1741.

Item in stone pottys w^t pewto^r Covers of the beyonde the sey making xxxiiij takyn of Robert waddington.

1543-4. **Item** Receyued the xx^{ti} day of marche a^o p^o dicto of the straunger that kept the Dawnsyng in the Halle x s.

Item paide for botehire for the maister and myself and the Bedell to & ffrom lamehith on thursday in Easter weke whan we went to hire a barge v d.

Item paid more to a plomer for newe castyng of CC a q^r & vij lb. leade for a gutter in the Costardmongers hows in ffanchirche strete ij s. iij d. ob.

ffirst paide to Olymden Carpenter ffor the ffram^o of the vyne and setting vp of the same lvij s. viij d.

The Charges of the Setting fforth of Ten men to the kynges armye.

Inprimis paid for ix yarges of yelowē karsey at xvj d. the yarde S^m xij s.

Item paid for xj yards of brode blewe price the yarde iij s. & iij d. xl s. iij d.

Item paid for a yarde of white a yarde of Black and a yarde of Redde iij s. x d.

Item paid for xvij yarges of blewe karsey at xix d. the yarde xxvij s. jd.

Item paide for iij yarges of blek karsey at xv d. the yarde v s.

Item for iij yarges white karsey at xij d. the yarde iij s. viij d.

Item paide for iij yarges of Rede karsey iij s.

Item for chaungeing of vj yarges karsey viij d.

Item paid for vj yarges of rede karsey at xvij d. the yarde. S^m ix s.

Item paid for v yarges & iij quarters of yelowē for the alteryng of cots & hose vij s. viij d.

Item paid for a yarde of blewe and a yarde of yelowē for the man that went away ij s. viij d.

Item paid for x hatts vj s. viij d.

Item paid ffor the chaungeing of vj hatts xxj d.

Item paid for xxv yards of white ffustian.	xiiij s. viij d.
Item paid more for ij yards ^(li) ffustian for a dublet for hym that come in the stede of the man that went away	xvij d.
Item paid for makyng of iiij Cots of my lorde prevy sealls lyuey v j s. viij d.	
Item for makyng of six Cots of the duke of Norffolks lyuey. S ^m v j s. v j d.	
Item for makyng of xj dubletts & lynyng of x gorgetts	vij s.
Item paid for the lynyng & makyng of vj paire of hosen	v j s.
Item for makyng & lynyng iiij paire of hose of my lorde prevey sealls slop ffacion	v s. iiij d.
Item for makyng & Translatyng of vj cots	vij s.
Item for the Translatyng of vj paire of hosen for my lorde of norffolk & my lorde prevey seall	iiij s. iiij d.
Item for xij ells Canvas	iiij s. v j d. ob.
Item paid for viij billes	ix s. iiij d.
Item for ij bowes	ij s. xd.
Item another bowe for the Bowe that was broken	xv d.
Item for brasers shotyng gloves & stryngs	x d.
Item for iij harneys & iij saletts	xx s.
Item for ij cases for arrowes	xiiij d.
Item for ffederyng ij sheff arrowes	ij s. iiij d.
Item paid for a groos of poynts	viij d.
Item for ij daggers	ij s.
Item for another dagger for richard phillip	viij d.
Item for a dagger for the litell Bowman	xij d.
Item for a dagger for william Browne	xd.
Item for a dagger for John lowe	viij d.
Item for a dagger for John lane	viij d.
Item for a dagger for xpofer neelson	viij d.
Item for a dagger for Thomas Grene	viij d.
Item more for a dagger & a swerde	xx d.

Item for vj swerde girdells	xij d.
Item for iiij chapes for swerdes	viiij d.
Item paid viij swerdes	xvj s.
Item for makynge clene of x gorgetts	viiij d.
Item paid more for oon swerde for not brown	xviiij d.
Item paid to the x men after Trinitie sonday to drynke . . . . .	.iiij s. iiij d.
Item paid for botehire the next day	iiij d.
Item paid ffor drynke on Trinitie sonday	ij d.
Item paid for a swerde whiche was Broken	ij s.
Item paid more to the same ten men on corpus xpī Even . . . . .	.iiij s. iiij d.
Item laide oute for prest money to x men at ij s. vj d. a man	xxv s.
Item for brede & drynke for the same soulders	vj d.
Item more for a dagger & a girdell	x d.
Item to James flent which mr vsthowayte brought whiche maister usthowayte shall pay in	xij d.
Sm to ^{ts} xv li. x s. v d. ob.	

These preparations were necessitated by the renewal of Henry VIII's quarrel with France.

- 1544-5.** **Item** Receavyd of Mas^r Aleyne skynnere at the beryall of Mistris Taylor hys mother to thewse of o^r halle . xxxj s. viij d.
- The** Charges of the setting forth of xxij men to the kyngs armye at iiij Sondry tymes.
- Item** payde for a pece of fryse of xxxvij yards long j li. iiij s.
- Item** payde for a harnys to Robarte Taylor prise ix s. vj d.
- Item** payde for ij pare of slevys of Mayle by Machimiiij s. iiij d.
- Item** payde to John Day for a hole almanⁿ Revett a sallat one pare of splents a pare of Bregenders viij s. viij d.

Almayne rivets were overlapping plates of armour to protect the lower parts of the body. They were held together by rivets moving in slits to allow of freer motion. The word "Almayne" was the mediæval name for Germany, where this armour was made. A "salade" or "sallett" was a light helmet, with or without a visor, chiefly used by foot soldiers.

- Itm** payde to John day for Another Alman Revett prise vij s.
Itm payde for ij lether Jorkyns ij s. iiij d.
Itm payde for the making of x cotes v s. viij d.
Itm payde for the mendyng of the harnys j s. ij d.

1545-6. **Itm** Resceyvid for vj brasse potts sold weyng cvij lb. at xvj s. the c xvij s.

Itm Resceyvid for ŷten Course pewter mettell whiche remayned in the hall weyng di C vj lb. at ij d. ob the j lb. xiijs. j d. ob.

Itm Resceyvid of Clement kellyngworthe for old spones weyng vij lb. at ij d. ob the j lb. xvij d. ob.

Itm Resceyvid for xxxiiij stone potts sold to dy^{us} of the company at j d. le pese ij s. ix d.

Itm Resceyvid for xlij bottells of stone sold to dy^{us} of the Company at ij d. le pese vij s.

These were pewter-lidded pots and bottles which had been forfeited, with the other ware mentioned, for bad workmanship or quality.

Itm Resceyvid of henry Clerke for a ffyne because he came after the ower appoynted when mr hawkyns was buryad xij d.

The xvths for the Cundyts that be newe made. [A payment of 6s. 8d. for the "first" fifteenth, and a similar payment for the "second."]

These were probably the Conduits for distributing the water newly conveyed from Hampstead in 1543 and from Hoxton in 1546. Stow states that conduits were erected in Lothbury and in Coleman Street in 1546. In 1589 a fifteenth was granted by the Common Council for cleansing the River Fleet.

Itm payd to a paynter for payntyng of xxvij yeards of clothe whiche was the old paynted clothes that did hang in the Countynghouse and for vj yeards of clothe more to pforme the sayd hangyngs vij s. iiij d.

Itm payd to a Glasier for making the pewterers armys in ascochyn in one of the hall wyndows & for setting in of ix quarells in the wyndowes where the Glasse was brokyn xx d.

1546-7. *Itm* p^d for a dynner at the pewterers Hall for m^r shryue [Sheriff] certayne alderman and the hole crafte of the crafts free gyfte to m^r Shryue the same daye vij li.

Thomas Curtis, Sheriff of London in 1546, was Master in the previous year, and was re-elected to that office for the year of his Shrievalty. A full account of this eminent member of the Company will be found on a later page.

Itm delyuered for a dynner at the hall for the Rest of the company that dyned there withe all them that had byne Wardens wyfs. xvij s. v^d.

Itm payde to Elderbeeks wyf for dressynge of the dynner at the mayers ffeaste xij d.

Itm payde at dyryge and masse on owre ladye daye, to the Curate viij d., to the Decon vj d., to ij condute viij d., to ij preste viij d., to the Sexton iiij d. *Itm* to the clark for syngynge the highe masse in pryckesonge and for his dyryge and masse of Requyem iij s. iiij d.

Itm p^d to the churche wardens for the occupyng of theyre Ornamente xx d. *Itm* p^d for spyce Breade iij s. vj d. *Itm* p^d for a chese xj d. *Itm* p^d for a kylderkyne of good ale iij s. *Itm* for ij half pownde tapers viij d. xiiij s. xj d.

This is the last record of the religious celebration at Allhallows, Lombard Street, on "our Lady daye Assumpcion" with the full ritual of pre-Reformation times. Compare with the above the details of the service held in 1548-9.

Itm payde more for a xvth & half agaynst the crownacion of the kyngs maiestye x s.

King Edward VI was crowned at Westminster, 20th February, 1547.

Itm p^d for cressyt lyght and for cresset berers and men to beare the bags w^t lyght on mydsomer euyn and sainte Peters Euyn for m^r shryue viij s. iiij d.

AlloBances thys yere. *Itm* we aske allowaunce for the dynn^y on owre lady daye assumpcion for that that the mayre of london my lorde Chefe Baron & other dyned theyre that daye by the graunte of the hole clothynge iiij li.

Itm pd for wryttinge and Ingrossynge of this accompte v s.

The accounts for this year and those of the twenty-two years next following are written in a beautiful hand by Edmund Browne, who was Clerk to the Company from 1551 or earlier until his death in 1568-9. His skilful penmanship was a labour of love, and the initial "T" of each account is beautifully drawn and embellished in the later years with humorous devices and elaborate flourishes. After Browne's death, this artistic excellence disappears. For ingrossing each yearly account at this time, the Clerk received 5*s.*; this was increased later to 6*s.* 8*d.*, and in 1570, 10*s.* was paid. The Clerk's yearly salary was 20*s.*, and his other emoluments included fees for preparing legal deeds, the roll of members, and other documents.

1547-8. *Rs* of a Spanyarde for kepyng Daunsyng in y^e Hall for iij months xv *s.*

An entry two years later gives the name of the Spaniard as Jesper. In this and the previous year's accounts first appears (except for a casual margin use in 1509-10, which may not have been contemporary) the form "y^e" in imitation of the old English "þ^e" which dropped out of use at the end of the 15th century. The older letter was used in various words and syllables, as in "þ^e," "þis," &c., but its later equivalent was used only in the word "y^e," and came down to quite modern times as a convenient and rapid way of writing this much used word.

Jfm spent at the Ale howse by the Hall Amonge the wardens & dyuers of the company y^e xxvij daye July iij *d.*

Jfm the therde daye of August spent at y^e ale howse ij *d.*

Jfm spent at an ale howse at yelde Hall when m^r Curteyes prentyce was made free iij *d.*

The above three entries were disallowed by the auditors.

Jfm p^d to y^e beadle for half a thowsand of brycke the xxj daye of ffebruary iiij *s.*

This outlay was for repairs to the Company's property. Among his various duties the Beadle also carried out those of Clerk of the Works or Master builder.

- Item** Spente at the iij tonnes at newgate market When the m^{rs} mr Heyfforde
mr Ponder & goodma Rewe after theyre beyng at the speker of the
plyament the xxvij daye of novem̄r viij d.
- Item** to the Mase Bearer of the plyment vj s. viij d.
- Item** to the Porter of the common [Commons] howse xij d.
- Item** to the Inner porter of the common howse iiij d.
- Item** p^d for viij mens Brekefast at westmynster That ys to saye mr
warwycke mr Wylkynson & Curteys w^t thyre company . . . xvij d.
- Item** pd to the Clarke of the plyament v s.
- Item** pd to his clarke for a Reawarde xij d.
- Item** pd to mr Baker speker of the plyament ij quarte potts gylt which
we Receyved of mr Rowlande xx s.

Costs of the lawe done In london for y^e Defence of Rewe

Edward Rewe was a rebellious liveryman. In the list of payments of quarterage for this and the next year he is a defaulter, but paid his dues once more in 1549. The points in contention are not stated, but they probably related to the obit of Lawrence Astlyn, whose will was brought in evidence. The proceedings took place first before the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, who delegated four Aldermen to hold an enquiry at Pewterers' Hall. Afterwards the Master and Wardens were summoned to Saddlers' Hall to appear before Commissioners who were charged to enquire into the dispute. Their decision is not recorded, but Rewe afterwards became reconciled to the Company.

- Item** p^d to a pursyuaunt that belonged to the Vysyters at Sadlers Hall y^e
xxvj daye of Ap^{el}l iij s. iiij d.
- Item** p^d to my lorde cheffe Barnes [Lord Chief Baron's] Clarke for
Redyng & takynge of yo^r names the xxvj daye of Ap^{el}l xvj d.
- Item** spent at the Sadlers Hall when the maysters & wardens went to the
vysyters ij d.
- Item** p^d to Robert xpoffer one of my Lorde mayres Clark^e for Drawyng
o^r Answer to thartycles Dyrected vnto vs by the comysoners
towching owre Hall & pvsing o^r evydence v s.

Item p^d to hym more for his paynes for Drawyng of an Answere to Rewes byll & for cerchyng the boke of the tre G as towchyng Rebelyons in companyes vj s. viij d.

The "Letter Books" are a series of volumes preserved among the City records. They extend in date from the early part of Edward I's reign almost to the end of that of James II. "Boke G" is the seventh in the series, the earlier volumes of which contain the proceedings of both the Court of Aldermen and the Court of Common Council.

Item spent at yelde hall gate iij d.

This appears to have been at the entrance to Guildhall in Cateaton Street, now Gresham Street, St. Lawrence Jewry Church being at the west corner and perhaps the "ale house" at the east. There were two taverns in Guildhall Yard, and each is described on the tradesman's token issued by its proprietor as at Guildhall Gate. Thomas Ailay of the Three Tuns (the Vintners' Company's Arms) issued a halfpenny token in 1665; of the White Lion at Guildhall Gate two tokens exist, one issued by W. C. before the Great Fire of 1666, the other in 1669 by Robert Peete.

Also be yt remembryd that all the crfts moulds be browght home from m^r Curtys house to the hall & certyn harnys that is to say a payer of wambrats, a payer of polrons & a payer of vpper parts of legge harnys & also xx s. iij d. of money for the dett of barnard belamy of taunton whych he receyuyd of m^r grymys.

1548-9. Charge for maister lawrence Ashlyn at abchurche. **Item** p^d amonge the pore people of the same pishe in almes ij s. vj d.
Item p^d to the bedyll for his paynys iij d.

The charges at this obit for the preceding year amounted to 9s. 10d., and included payments to the priests and clerks for dirige and mass, for ringing, wax, and other expenses, including gifts to the poor. The poor still received their gifts and the beadle his payments, amounting together to 2s. 10d., the balance of 7s. being paid to the King's rent gatherer. A hand with extended index finger points to these entries in this year's accounts.

Charge at alhallowes in lumberd strete the sonday before o' ladydaye thassũptiõ. **Itm** pd to the Curat of the sayde churche for takyng paynes at the comunyon iiij d. **Itm** p^d to the clarke for hym & other syngers at the comunion iij s. iiij d. **Itm** p^d to the churchwardens for Ocupyinge of theyre Ornaments xx d. v s. iiij d.

This is the first record of the annual religious festival on election day in Reformation times, and its baldness must have afforded a striking contrast to the splendour of the older ceremonial; even the modest meal of buns and spiced ale disappears.

In p^rmis p^d for the Renewynge and confirmaçõ of owre Corporacion and also of o' Readyng [riding] patent vij li xiiij s. iiij d.

This was the usual charter of inspeximus. The original, granted by King Edward VI on 26 November, 1548, being the second year of his reign, is in the Company's possession.

Itm p^d for a markynge Iron of the flowre delyce to amarked stone potts w^t x d.

It does not appear to have been the practice of the Company to mark all pewter ware, but rather to oblige the maker to put his own mark on every article. Why the lids of stone pots should have had a special mark, that of the fleur de lys, is not clear.

Itm pd for ye wryttyng of the othe of the crafte in text hande in the crucyfyx boke viij d.

Itm p^d for woode & cole at the tyme that sr Martyn bowes knight Sat in the Hall at Edwarde Rues Request at dyu⁹se [divers] tymes for the tryall & proffe of o' saye of layemettall xiiij d.

Sir Martin Bowes was the Court goldsmith and a principal member and great benefactor of the Goldsmiths' Company. His portrait by Holbein is in their Hall.

Itm pd to Stephyn Rowland for a payre of saye stones for the hall ij s.

Itm pd for a Gebbet of woode to hang the golde ballans [balance] on xvij d.

These payments were for appliances required by the Company's officers to assay pewter at the Hall.

Jfm pd to cosynton one of the mayres Sargeaunts for beyng e o' caruer & geuyng attendaunts for the hole yeare for his ffee
vj s. viij d.

A return of the payments made by the Company for obits or chantries from funds left to the Company by deceased members is found this year in the records of the Augmentation Office. The result was, as we have seen, that the obits were abolished, and the amounts paid to the chantry priests were henceforth paid by the Company to the Crown; whilst such sums as were directed by the testators or founders to be applied to the relief of the poor, education and other purposes, were left in the hands of the Company, who continued to apply them to such uses.

Erebequer. Ministers' Accounts. 1-2 Edw. VI. Roll 31.

Lands &c. temporal and spiritual in the hands of the Crown.

ACCOUNTS of all and singular the Bailiffs Farmers and other Officers and Ministers of all and singular the lordships manors lands and possessions as well temporal as spiritual whatsoever being in the hand of the Lord the King by virtue and authority of a certain Act of the Parliament holden upon prorogation at Westminster the fourth day of February in the twenty-seventh year of the late King Henry the Eighth and there continued until the fourteenth day of April then next ensuing thereof published ordained and provided within the government and survey of the Court of Augmentations and Revenues of the King's Crown there, namely, from the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the first year of the reign of the Lord now King Edward the Sixth by the grace of God King of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith and of the Church of England and Ireland in Earth the Supreme Head until the same Feast of Saint Michael then next ensuing in the second year of the same Lord the King, to wit, for one entire year.

ACCOUNT of Edward Mildemay gentleman Collector of the Rents there for half a year ended at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth.

NONE because the first Account for the Lord the King.

Sum—none.

City of
London.

Rents of
Corpora-
tions within
the City of
London.

Corporation
of Gold-
smiths of
London.

BUT HE RENDERS ACCOUNT OF—66*s.* 8*d.* for a certain Rent received from the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London *etc.*

Corporation
of the
Society
of the
Pewterers.

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AND OF—4*s.* 11*d.* of Rent received from the Wardens of the Company aforesaid for a certain obit founded in the Church of Saint Mary Abchurche issuing out of their lands and tenements which were formerly of Laurence Astelyn at 9*s.* 10*d.* by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid OF 6*s.* 8*d.* of Rent paid to the late College of Acon at 13*s.* 4*d.* by the year due for half a year ended at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel this year he does not answer BECAUSE the said Rent is charged among the possessions of the said late College within the City of London as appears in the said Account BUT HE ANSWERS FOR—10*s.* of Rent received from the Wardens aforesaid for a certain obit founded at Sabbysforde in the County of Hertford issuing out of their lands and tenements at 20*s.* by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid AND OF—13*s.* 4*d.* received from the same Wardens for a certain obit founded in the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul for the soul of John Gotehame at 26*s.* 8*d.* by the year due for half a year ended at the feast aforesaid.

Sum—28*s.* 3*d.*

In their accounts for 1547-9 the Yeomanry is for the last time styled a fraternity. The heading of the ensuing accounts is in the following style:—"This is the Acomte of vs Symond Ponder thomas kychyne John powell thomas wyddous wardens of the yomenry of pewterers wyth in the cytty of london maide & dellyveryd &c." The heading of the account for 1498-1500 is printed on p. 81.

Item payde ffor makynge a new Sestorne of leade weynge iiij C q^{ta} viij lb
as aperes by the plomars byll xxvij s. xd.
Item payde ffor a Coke to the Same sestorne v s. vj d.
Item payde ffor the stole and the cover to the Same sestorne iij s. vj d.
Item payde ffor hyngeys nayles & tampion to the Same sestorne xij d.

The above four entries are in the Yeomanry accounts.

1549-50. Item Rs of John Mathewe for breakyng an order made by the Maister wardens and ascystaunts by his concent for a voydyng
. betwene Thomas Clarke and hym at ffayres iij s. iij d.

Item pd for ij newe horsse Shewes vj d.

Item pd for ij payre of Spurres xij d.

Charge of the Purchase of the Obbyts and Quyt Rents of the kyng, w^t other Necessary payments as folowithe:

Item pd to my Lorde Treasurer by my Lorde Mayors comaundement for the Purchase of vij s. a yeare yerely for m^r Ashlyns obbyt, And more xiiij s. iiij d. for a yearly quyt Rent payde owt of gregory Allye. And more vj s. viij d. payd to the Petycannons of Poules for kepyng an Nobbyt at Sappysford for Ser Robert Ashlyn S^m xxvij s. by yere, which cost the S^m of xxvij li.

Item p^d more by my Lorde Mayors comāundmēt towarde the Drawyng & wrytyng of the Patent for o^r parte iiij s. iiij d.

Item p^d to m^r blackwall the towne Clarke for Assuraunce & for Drawyng and Wryttinge therof for the sayde Obbytts and Quyt Rents as yt aperyth in the dede viij s.

Item pd to M^r Hewys the kyngs Surveyo^r to haue his lawfull ffavor that we might not be ouer Charged for a Rewarde iiij s. iiij d.

The payment by the Companies to the Augmentation Office every half-year as a rent charge all sums which they had been wont to pay for the maintenance of obits lasted but a short time. A year afterwards, the Government found itself in urgent need of money, and resolved to sell chantry lands to the annual value of 5,000*l*. In this 5,000*l*. were included the 1,000*l*. annually due from the City Companies, and accordingly they now received an intimation from the Council that they were expected to redeem these rents by the payment of 20,000*l*., and that within eight days. The Companies dared not resist, and as they had no large sum of money at their disposal wherewith to meet the demand, they had to sell a good deal of the property remaining to them, in order to raise the requisite sum. The simultaneous throwing of so much land upon the market, compelled some of the Companies to accept rather low prices. But on the whole, the Companies made a satisfactory bargain for themselves. The sum of the rents sacrificed by the eleven Companies, for which we have the requisite information, was 601*l*. 14*s*. 6*d*., and the rents recovered, 628*l*. 4*s*. 10*d*. The total amount which the Government finally

accepted from all the London Companies was about 18,700*l.*; in return for which it handed over the right, not apparently to the whole of the rent charges, but to an amount calculated on the basis of twenty years' purchase. These can hardly be regarded as extortionate terms, seeing that twenty years' purchase was the ordinary price of land. The letters patent conveying the re-grant to the Companies were signed in July, 1550, and the title of the Companies, and of all other purchasers of chantry lands, was confirmed by subsequent statute. [Ashley's *English Economic History*, Vol. I, part 2, pp. 153-4.]

Patent Roll. 4 Edw. VI. part 7, m. 15 (43).

Grant of Rents late of the Pewterers' Company.

For Augustin Hynde and others—Of a Grant to them and their heirs.

THE KING TO ALL TO WHOM ETC. GREETING Know ye that we for the sum of Eighteen thousand seven hundred and forty four pounds eleven shillings and two pence of lawful money of England paid to the hands of the Treasurer of our Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown to our use by our beloved Augustine Hynde and Richard Turke Citizens and Aldermen of the City of London and William Blackwell gentleman Common Clerk of the same City whereof we acknowledge ourselves to be fully satisfied and paid and the same Augustine Richard and William their heirs executors and administrators to be thereof acquitted and discharged by these presents of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion and also with the advice of our Council have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blakewell All that our rent and annuity [and so forth].

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AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of seven shillings issuing out of messuages and tenements of the [Master] Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Pewterers of the City of London situate and being in Gregorye Alleye without Crepulgate London within the parish of Saint Giles without Crepulgate London which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately

paid and used to pay yearly for the anniversary of Laurence Astelyne in the church of Saint Mary Abchurch London AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of thirteen shillings and four pence by the year issuing out of the same messuages and tenements in Gregorye Alleye aforesaid which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately paid and used to pay yearly to the Master and Brethren of the lately dissolved College of Acon in London AND all that our rent annuity and yearly sum of six shillings and eight pence by the year issuing out of the messuage called the Pewterers hall of the same Master Wardens and Commonalty and out of five tenements to the same messuage adjacent and appertaining situate and being in the street of Lyme-strete within the parish of Saint Dionis London which said yearly sum rent or annuity the same Master Wardens and Commonalty lately paid and used to pay yearly for the anniversary of Robert Astelyne in the parish church of Shapford in our county of Hertford AND all that our rent [and so forth]. * * * * *

ALL AND SINGULAR which aforesaid several yearly rents sums of money annuities and yearly sums above expressed and specified now amount in the whole to the clear yearly value of nine hundred and thirty nine pounds two shillings five pence and one halfpenny To HAVE hold and enjoy all and singular the aforesaid several yearly rents annuities sums of money and yearly sums and other all and singular the premises above expressed and specified with all and singular and every their appurtenances to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell their heirs and assigns for ever to the proper use and behoof of them the said Augustine Richard and William their heirs and assigns for ever without in any wise rendering paying or making account rent service tenure or any other thing therefor or for any part thereof to us our heirs or successors Any law statute act ordinance use custom provision proclamation or restraint to the contrary thereof had made published ordained or provided or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding AND we will and by these presents do firmly enjoin and command as well the Chancellor and General Surveyors and our Council of our said Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown as all Receivers Auditors

and other Officers or Ministers of us our heirs and successors whomsoever for the time being that they and every of them upon the sole demonstration of these our letters patent or the inolment of the same without other writ or warrant from us our heirs or successors in any wise to be obtained or sued forth shall make and from time to time shall cause to be made to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell their heirs and assigns full entire and due allowance and manifest discharge from all and singular the aforesaid several yearly rents and sums of money above expressed and specified and from every parcel thereof AND these our letters patent or the inolment of the same shall be yearly and from time to time as well to the said Chancellor and General Surveyors [and] our Council of our said Court of Augmentations and Revenues of our Crown as to all Receivers Auditors and other Officers and Ministers of us our heirs and successors whomsoever for the time being sufficient warrant and discharge in this behalf AND MOREOVER of our more ample grace we give and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell all the issues revenues profits and arrearages of all and singular the aforesaid rents annuities and yearly sums above expressed and specified and of every of them arising or growing from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel last past until now To have to the same Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell without account or any other thing to us our heirs or successors in any wise to be rendered paid or done WE WILL ALSO and by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Augustine Hynde Richard Turke and William Blackwell that they may have and shall have these our letters patent duly made and sealed under our Great Seal of England without fine or fee great or small to us in our Hanaper or elsewhere to our use therefor in any wise to be rendered paid or made ALTHOUGH express mention etc. IN WITNESS whereof etc. WITNESS the King at Leighes the fourth day of July.

By the King himself.

Item pd more to the Clarke of the mearsers [Mercers] too pvse ouer owre corporacion by my lord Mayers comaundement and for drawyng owt the effecte therof ij s.



The namys of them that gave napry to the hall in a^o tercio Rs E vj^{ti} mence January ffyrst m^r curtes gave a playne table clothe for the hye table a dd [dozen] of playne napkyns markyd w^t hys m^rke & a towell of cambyrck. [Book of Inventories. The mark of Alderman Curtis here shown is copied from the margin of the Inventory.]

The inventory of the Company's goods in 1550 is here transcribed from the Book of Inventories for comparison with that of the previous century, printed at pages 68–76.

This is the Inuentori made by vs Withm Hustwayte John Deye and Thomas Woodowce m^r and Wardens of the ffellowship of Pewterers the xvth daye of septemb^r In the ffourth yeare of the Raigne of o^r Soueraigne Lorde Edwarde the Syxte by the Grace of god of Englande ffraunce and Irelande kynge Defendour of the faithe and of the Church of Englande and Irelande in yearthe the Supreme hed.

In the countynge howse.

In p^rmis in Syluer Spones	xxj.
Item in Garlande of Red veluet	iiij.
Item vpon the sayde Garlande a pendaunt of Syluer and gylte of an Image of o ^r lady ij Scochyns of Syluer enanyueld w ^t the Armes of the Crafte and ij lylly pottē of Syluer & iiij strake of syluer waing all	
Item a Common Seale of Syluer w ^t the Armes of the Crafte Grauen therin weyng	
Item a Table of Waynscot w ^t a payre of Tresselle	
Item a Carpet lying vpon the sayde Table	j.
Item iiij Joyned formes wherof one Couered w ^t a Clothe Olde	iiij.
Item in Chestē one blacke chestē couered w ^t lether and bounde w ^t Iron A cheste of Waynscote for Napery, and a lytle cheste paynted w ^t the Armes of the Crafte	iiij.
Item a lytle newe forme and a chest of waynscot	ij.

Pewter.

Item in Pottell Pottē	xij.
Item in Quarte pottē	xiiij.

Itm in stope Pynte	xij.
Itm in Nuf half pynte	xiiij.
Itm in Salte Syllers w ^t owt Couers	vj.
Itm in Salte Sellers w ^t cou ^o whiche was had of mr blackwall	vj.
Itm iij basons & iij yores [ewers]	ij
Itm in iiij li Chargers barrelled	xij.
Itm in Platters	ij ^{dd} xj.
Itm in dysshes	ij ^{dd} ij.
Itm in Sawcers	ij ^{dd} ij.
Itm in v lb chargars	vj.

Moulde.

Itm in iiij li Charger moulde brode bordered	j.
Itm in Newe fasshion Hatt Moulde	ij.
Itm in Spyce Plate Moulde	ij.
Itm in Narrowe bordered dyshe Moulde	j.
Itm in Narrowe borderyd Sawcer Moulde	iiij.
Itm a Readynge Patent w ^t the kynge brode Seale of yelowewaxe in a Rownde lether boxe	j.
Itm a Lether Case w ^t Patent of the Armes of the Crafte	j.
Itm the laste confirmacon of the Corporacon of the Crafte Sealed w ^t grene waxe in a lether Cace	j.
Itm in Rowlys of wryttinge bounde in bundett ^e of the Sute for Act ^e of plyament lying in the baye wyndowe	iiij.
Itm a longe boxe of waynscott to put banners in	j.
Itm a Table of Pewter w ^t euery mans Marke therein ¹	j.
Itm in Streamers of Sylke of o ^r lady	ij.
Itm in banners of the olde Armes of y ^e craft	j.
Itm in olde Stremers of Saynt Mighell	j.
Itm in other Small Stremers	j.
Itm in Trompet banners of Sylke	viiij.
Itm in Jurye bokes.	j.
Itm in Greate borded boke of the Accompt ^e of the wardens	ij.

(1) The oldest of the existing Touch-plates is *temp.* Charles I.

Itm	this present boke of Inuentoryes wrytten on gyfte of good people beyng of the gyfte of walter walshe whose name ys wrytten thereon	j.
Itm	in lytle boke w ^t blacke Coueringe	ij.
Itm	in Tables wherin ys wryttyn the Othe of this Citie and of the Crafte and the Names of the hole Clothyng of the sayde Crafte .	ij.
Itm	in Markyng Irones w ^t the badge Or marke of the Crafte .	ij.
Itm	a standyshe of Pewter & a sandboxe of Pewter.	
Itm	an olde boxe or Casket w ^t iij Corporacons Sealed w ^t grene waxe the one of Edward the iij th and the other of kynge henry the vij th and the therde of kynge henry the viij th w ^t iij Patent ^e Sealed w ^t yelow waxe w ^t a Coppy of a Patent Sealed w ^t Red waxe graunted out by the crafte	viiij.
Itm	a whyte boxe w ^t dyuerse wrytyng ^e	j.
Itm	a boke of Act ^e of Parlyament ^e made in the xxviij th yeare of kynge Henry the viij th	j.
I^t	the ordynance of the craft	ij booke
Itm	in Hangyng ^e of Paynted worke Hangyng abowte the countynge howse	iiij.
Itm	in wooden Trenshers	iiij ^{dd} & vj.
Itm	a jebet for golde ballande	j.
I^t	a payre of saye stonys & a payre of gold balande	

Napery.

Itm	Dyap Table Clothes	ij.
Itm	playne Table Clothes	v.
Itm	Dyap Towelle	vj.
Itm	Dpap Napkyns	iiij ^{dd} vj pece.
Itm	Playne Napkyns	iiij ^{dd} .
Itm	olde Hand Towelle of Dyap	
Itm	a Cupborde Clothe wrought w ^t sylke of Neadleworke of the gyfte of Wiltm hustwait	j.
I^t	playne towelle wherof ther is oon fyne & two corse	iiij.

In the hall.

Itm in longe Tables	v.
Itm in Tresselle	xiiij.
Itm in longe formes	iiij.
Itm in Shorte formes	ij.
Itm in Joyned Stoles	xij.
Itm in Scotchyns of the kynges Armes and the Armes of the Crafte	xviij.
Itm in longe fote pace	iiij.
Itm Shorte fote stollis	xix.
Itm in Hangynge about the hall	j pec.
Itm ij Scowchyns of the gyfte of Robert Taylo ^r one w ^t o ^r lady Assump- tyon & j w ^t y ^e kynges armes	ij.

In the buttry and ij sellers.

Itm a lytle bred-chest w ^t a couer	j.
Itm a lytle Awmbery	j.
Itm a lytle Ale Jest ^e & for beare	iiij.

In the Pantry.

Itm a greate cheste bounde w ^t Iron & a cord	j.
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In the kytchyn.

Itm a greate brasse pott weying	lxxxxv li.
Itm in lesse brasse pott ^e ij weyinge	iiij qrt ^o xx li.
Itm in lytle pannes of brasse	ij.
Itm a greate brasse pann weyinge	xxxiiij li.
Itm in spytt ^e square and Rounde	iiij.
Itm a greate Gredyron weying	ix li.
Itm a dryppynge pann waying	
Itm a payre of Iron Rack ^e waying	
Itm a grene sawce mortar of stone w ^t a pestle	
Itm an Iron Couer for the ouyns mouth	j.
Itm a Dressyng borde w ^t tresseff ^e .	
Itm a cestorn of lede for watt ^r	j.

Item a latten collynder j.

Item a latten skemer [skimmer] and a ladell.

In the larder howse.

Item a boultynge Pype to boult meale in j.

In the Parlo^r ouer the hall.

Item in longe Tables iiij.

Item in Tressette vj.

Item in Joyned formes iiij.

Item a Carpenters forme j.

Item in longe banner staues iiij.

In the Garret ouer the Parlour.

Item in Small Iron beames w^t Scales of lether and w^towt Scales which were
forfyted xv.

Item a quarter waight of brasse j.

Item a waight of brasse of xiiij li.

Item a waight of brasse of viij li.

Item a waight of brasse of iiij li.

Item a waight of brasse of ij li

Item in half pound waighte of brasse ij.

Item in quarter brassen waighte ij.

spent
abowte the
howssys.

Item in half C waighte of leade [This entry is crossed through.] ij.

Item a lether bage to Carry waighte in when Search ys made j.

Item a fyer bason of latten weying vj li.

Item in Cresette viij.

Item a hearse Cloth of Cloth of Golde j.

Item a boxe for the sayde hearsse Clothe and lynnyn Clothe to laye yt in

Item in whyte Cotton Cotes for bowe men vij.

Item in Strawen Hatt^e for Cresset berrers ix.

Item in Canuas ffrocke w^t hoo^de ij.

Item in tressette iiij.

Item in olde Tymbr for a bey wyndow ij pece

Item a Complet Harneys lackynge a showlder Plate iiij pece.

Item in Aprons of Male	iiij.
Item in Gorgette of Male	vj.
Item Almen Reuete [Almaine rivets] as backe & breste vij payre and vij payre of Splynte	for vij men.
Item a nother payre of Splynts.	
Item a payre of bregynders.	
Item iiij scolle & x Sallette	xiiij.
Item in sworde	x.
Item in Daggers	vj.
Item in Gorgette	vj.
Item a payre of Canuas sleues	j.
Item a payre of Gauntlyte	j.
Item in olde legg Harneys	xiiij pecē.
Item in shoulder pecē	iiij.
Item in bowes	v.
Item in Sheue of Arrowes	iiij.
Item in new Cotes	xx.
Item a mowld for gonnys [later addition]	j.
Item in lether botes for horssmen	ij.
Item iiij Gones and three Hornes	vj.
Item in bylle vj and in Halberde iiij	ix.
Item a longe byll w ^t a long poynt	j.
Item Gerdles for sworde	vj.
Item spurres	ij pair.
Item in Empty Casis for Arrowes	ij.
Item a greate block w ^t fete to scowr harneys	j.
Item a Skrene	j.
Item in Lytle banner staues	v.
Item in lether Jerkyns [later addition]	ij.
If ther is two pecē of payntyed cloths that dyd hange in the hall be neth	ij.

In the Inner Yarde.

Item a bocket to the well w^t an Iron Chayne and a corde.

1551. In 1551 the minute books begin. They were first styled an "accompt" of "playnts and defaults," then of "complaints and acts," and later still of "all acts and things" done during the year. At the beginning of each yearly record is a general heading, the first (for the year 1551) being as follows: the page is much mutilated.

This ys the accompt of [the] playnte and defalte done of the hole felowship of the yeare of Robert Taylo^r maister, John [Royston, Nycholas] Crostwayte Wardens whiche ys for the space of one ho[le] yeare begynnyng] at the feaste of Saynte Michaelle the Archaungell In the [yeare of owre] lorde god a m^vclj And Endyng at the sayde feaste As more playnly heereafter appearythe.

Stuf taken at sturbrydg fayre by m^r Hustwayte and Wille^m baker.

In p^rmis George quyntyn a Brasse pott weyinge xiiij lli di John Warren of Walden ij Brasse morters stopped w^t leade weying xvj lli John Watson a Lytle mortar of Brasse weying v li xxxiiij lli di.

I^tm pd for the half therof for the kyng^e parte to Richarde Brasye, Wille^m Sherwoode and John merse, Offycers apoynted for the mayo^r of Cambrydg and the vnyuersyte [university] theare iiij s. iiij d.

I^tm John Vmble of Berry ij myddyll platte and a sawser weying iiij lli qrt^r, John Warren iiij Salte weying j lli qrt^r, John Watson a dysh and viij sawcers weyinge iiij lli ij q^rters. **I^tm** taken in owt Landysh Salte with ij Lydde weying ij lli & a di of dyurse mens S^m x lli.

. . . . **more** ij bottelle one of Lether and the her glasse wyssed w^t pewter of m^r . . . at Newgate. **I^tm** ij other bottelle of glasse Couered w^t blacke Lether wyssed w^t pewter of the good^e of Randall Hankey dwelling in the poultry.

I^tm which iiij bottelle the foresayde Richard Brasye & his parteners hath ij of them and the other ij Remaynyng for the Crafte.

M^o agreed w^t the sayde Richarde Brasye Wille^m Sherwood and John merse for o^r parte of the forfayture of the last yeare in An^o 1551 that ys to saye for the half.

M^o that this accompt was audyt the xxjth daye of decem^br An^o quinto RRs E. vj^{ti} by Wille^m hustwayte, John dey, Wille^m haynes and Edward Rewe, So that we the sayde audytours do fynd by neclygence of mr.

Richard Crostwayte, Clement kyllingworth & Stephyn Rowlanson late m^r, & wardens of the sayde felowship for mony which remayned in the crafts boxe after two Seuerall ffalls made by ij Seuerall Proclyma^{co}ns of the sayde mony the one half of v li x d, which mony ys but at this present daye, 1s. v d. [Foot of Account for 1550-1.]

At the same court [23rd October] m^{rs} pecke wayte ys determyned to be forfet that ys to saye an viij lli for vij lli waite a x lli for viij lli wayte a iiij lli w^t a Ryng a iiij lli Wayte a ij lli wayte that ys ij li & a di and a vij li wayte that ys vij lli ij qrters.

1551-2. At a Courte holden the fyrst daye of ap^rell yt was agreed that Robert West shall delyuer betwene this and Easter next comyng xxij li wrought in tankerd pott^e to mr Crostwaytes house one of the wardens, and ijs for workmanship.

Item p^d for half a garnysh of new ffrenche vessell w^t doble ffyllyts and gravyd and a dosyn of Spanysh trenchers which was gevyn vnto my lady baker m^r Spekers wyf which vessell was bought of the mr of the Company waying xl li & di at x d. the li. S^m xxxij s. xd.

Sir John Baker, knight of the shire for the county of Huntingdon was Speaker of the House of Commons in Edward VI's first Parliament, 1547.

Item pd for a dynner at westmynster for the mr. and wardens and the Secretory vnto bysshop hoper and certayne other . . . ij s. ij d.

John Hooper, the martyr bishop of Gloucester, was appointed to that see in 1550, and held the bishopric of Worcester *in commendam* in 1552. He was deprived by Queen Mary in 1553, and perished at the stake in Gloucester on 9 February, 1555.

At a Courte holden the xjth daye of Ap^rell yt was agreed betwene John Cutler and Rob^t Webbe for a prynt and wheale and all that longeth therto whiche prynt the sayde Cutler bought of George Spragyns and hath Clerly solde yt to the sayde Robert Webbe for the some of xl s. which the sayde Robert ys agrede to paye vpon maye euyn next comyng And also the sayde Robert shall Suffer the sayde John to occupy the sayde prynt for the space of two yeaes next ensuyng after this sayde daye before Rehersed.

At a Courte holden the tenth daye of maye yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce to geue vnto one Robert Torners sonne whose name ys peter torner which some tyme dwelled in mylkstreate beynge ffre of owre Company of pewterers, which nowe dwellyth in Northfock by occasyon he had Sute in the lawe in the Easter terme and of necessitye lackyng of help desyred the Charyte of the Company Wherfore the m^r Wardens and assystaunce hath geuyn hym owt of the Crafte boxe iiij s. iiij d.

Recepued of Richard Selby vij half pynt pottē which he forfeited And yt ys agrede that he shall geue to John burnam the waight in mettell of one pot and as moch money as he was payde for the workmanship And also to geue vnto Anthony Cacher the waight of ij pottē & also for the workmanship q^r them And yf he be euer taken w^t suche lyke faute to be presented to the mayo^r & benshe.

At a Courte holden the xxj^t daye of June Thomas hassill Complayned and sayde that harry martyn had called hym knaue in the open streate and harry martyn complayned and sayde that Thomas hassill sholde owe hym for a pownde of Tynne and also call hym Jack a napes and prating Jack. Wherfore yt was agreed that the sayde partys from hensforth sholde be lovers and ffrendē and to paye xij d. apece towardē the Releffe of the poure people of the Crafte and iiij d. apece to drynk to gether before the m^r wardens and assystaunce and ij d. apece to the beadle And which of them that fyrst doth offend after this tyme to paye xx s. a pece according to o^r Ordenaunce w^tout Redempcion.

At a Courte holden the xiiijth day of August A^o 1551 yt was agreed at the same Courte by the hole Assistaunce that for Certayne Saltē which were made of laye mettall of dyverse mens which ought to haue byne made of fyne mettall to be broken forthw^t and the owners to haue theyre mettall agayne and the makers therof to beare the one half of the losse of workmanship and the owners therof that bought them to beare the other half of the workmanship And ffrom hensforth what so euer they be that makyth any saltē other then iiij s. salts and iijs. Salts and chopnets greate and small after the olde fashion that then they shalbe forfeited And that no man make no Saltē of any new fashyon w^tout yt be allowed and adiuged by the m^r and wardens Except yt be of fyne mettell The makers of theyse Saltē be theyse men that folowe

Richard Pryer
Richard Selby
Lawrence Norfok

John Dobbys
John slack
Thomas Awger.

At the same Court [23 September 1551] yt was agreed that the howse should beare the one half of the m^r and wardens charge at strbrydg fayre & they the other half.

Thys ys to be hadd in Remembrance and gevyng you o^r successors to vnderstonde that of the almesmen of our sayd company whose names here aft^r followythe wee have not getheryd of any of them ether for there quarterayge or dynners but have frely sufferyd them to enioy the Releffe whiche they R^e of the howse whysshynge all other whiche in our Romes here after folowe to supporte & maynetayne the lyke that the pore men may eu^e here aft^r be dyschargyd of there quarterayge and have there dynners frelye.

This and the following entry are from the Yeomanry accounts.

Item payde to the mr and wardens toward^e the sewyte yn the plyment howse then beyng mr mr taylor as yt dothe apere by a byll of Nycolas croswayte hande then beyng nether warden vj li. xiiij s. iiij d.

Wt was agreed [16th December] by the hole asystaunce that the howse shold beare the one half of the mony gebyn to the poure at Saynt Bartholemews and the company of all the hole crafte the other half And the Assystaunce to be newe Seased for the payment therof By theyse men that folowe That ys to saye m^r Deye m^r Cacher and Stephin Rowland And the yemandry to be Seased by theyse men that folow that ys to saye Wylm Curtys and Allyn gardener And Collectours to gether the same Wylm Mylle and Richard pryer.

1552-3. **At** a Courte holden the xixth daye of January. Yt was agreed betwene m^{rs} peck and George stockmede for Certayne Shroffe that her husband ought to m^r flecton which was iij q^{ar}ters ix li di which amountyth after xxxvj s. the C to xxx s. ij d. Whearvpon the m^r and wardens w^t the assystaunce haue ended the same So that the sayde m^{rs} peck shall paye forthwith xx s. And so to be cleare of all matters betwene her sayd housband and the sayde m^r flecton ffrom the begynnyng of the world vnto the daye of making herof.

At the same Court [22nd February] Richard Willmson brought in his ffyne being xls. for the keping a man named Symond bradshaw w^{ch} went abroad in the Countree to seke work & when he cam agayne the sayd Richard set hym a worke vnknowne to the m^r and wardens, and for that yt was his ffyrst faulte the m^r & wardens w^t the asystaunce forgave hym for xij d w^{ch} he pd to the craft^e box & ij d to the beadle & ij to the clarck of the hall & yf he weare taken w^t the lyk ffaute to paye the whole w^tout ffavor.

At the same Court [15th March] yt was agreed that none of the Company should nother bye nor sell for no kynd of ware w^t Stephyn Callye of Westmynster from this daye forward vntyll yt should be farther determyned by the m^r and wardens vppon payne & penaltie of xls. w^tout Redem^con.

At the same court [13th April] harry tompson was before the m^r & wardens & assystaunce & there confessed that he had bought of Thomas holden vj gobbyt^e of mettall S^m wayng iiij li v li xj li some more & some less at vj d. the j li.

At the same Court Thomas holden confessed that he had bought w^tin this xij monethes of John Smyth xl tymes sometyme vj ti v li xij ti some more some les always molten in a pan & bought yt for v d. & v d. qr the pound.

At the same Court Robert wilkynson confessed that Willm slack hath bought of one willm ffremlyn sertayne of the king^e vessell & the sayd wylkynson hath bought of the sayd ffremlyn three dysshes two platters barrell bordered the platters viij d. a pece & the disshes vj d. a pece.

At a Court holden the same daye [8th June] yt was agreed that yf any be taken to sother any wares with softe payle but only one kynd of payle being hard & substancyall such as shalbe made w^t tyne & peke & w^t no other kynd of mettall. Yf any such wares be other wise payled & yt be taken shalbe forfeited And the makers therof to forfayte as moche in mony as the ware ys worth besyde the ware.

At the same Court yt was agreed that all those that lyd stone pott^e shoulde set their own marck on the in syde of the lyd & to bring in all such stone pott^e in to the hall wherby they maye be vewed yf

they be workmanly wrought & so be markyd w^t the marck of the hall on the owt syde of the Lyd. Also euery one that makyth such stone pottē shall make anew marck such one as the m^r & wardens shalbe pleasid w'all whereby they maye be known from this daye forward Theise pottē to be brought in wekly vpon the satterdaye and yf the satterdaye be holly daye then to bring them in vpon the ffrydaye And loke who doth the contrary shall forfayte for euery stone pott so duely provyd iiij d. in mony over and besyde the forfayte of all such pottē as be not brought in according to this artycle.

Another version of this order inscribed in the Jury Book orders the maker's mark as well as that of the Craft to be placed *outside* the lid.

At the same Court [8th June] yt was agreed that none of the hole Company of the Craft shall sey [assay] nor bye no tynne for no stranger nor Englyshman Except yt be for one of the Company being a ffreman of the same Craft or for his owne vse & occupying vpon payne to forfayte for every pece of tynne so sayde duly provid xx s. to be levyd & taken for the Releif of the pore of the sayd Craft.

At the same Courte [5th September] yt was agreed that mighell Doffelde sholde losse iiij pottē w^{ch} was taken at Saynt Albones for being vij graynes worsse then ffyne & some viij some more & some lesse And yf he be taken w^t the Lyk ffaute agayne to be banysshed Clene out of the Craft forthw^t w'out any ffavor to the which greament the sayd Doffelde hathe here vnder set to his hand.

Item Rs of mr Carye mr [Master] for the chaunge of a hatmolde.

This seems to refer to the ware known as the Cardinal's hat, but whether the term refers to the shape of the vessels or a device which they bore I cannot say.

Item pd to mr Hewet for patrons [patterns] of cloth for them that cam in to the lyvery iiij s. iiij d.

Item pd to the Carpenter for makynge o^r standing agaynst the crownacōn & for all things longynge to yt xxxiiij s.

This was the coronation of Queen Mary, which took place on 1st October, 1553, at the beginning of the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas

White. The Queen passed through the City on her way from the Tower to Westminster, and the City presented her with the accustomed gift of one thousand marks.

1553 and in A° p^rmo Regine marie The xxviiij day of January M^d Sartayn sogyars [certain soldiers] sent forthe of the Cety of london and delyu^yyd to y^e lorde mayre of london at ledynhall the day & yere a bowe wrytten to wayght appon the Duke of norfolke leftenant to staye sartayn rebellyons at Rochest^r in kent y^t ys [to] saye Syr Thoms Wyat knyght, Syr george harpar knyght, Syr harry Isley knyght, mr Radston.

1553 in A° p^rmo Regine marie The second day of ffebruary M^d Sartayn sogyars made forthe to wayght appon the mayre and the lorde wyllm haward lorde admerall of England to kepe london brege & the cety at wyche tyme Syr Thoms Wyat and dyu^ys rebellyous came & lay in southewarke from satt^rday at aft^rnon till tuesday the mornyng aft^r beyng schroftuesday.

gunnars iiij.

John Jengley
Robart wylkynson
Rychard harrison

bowe men iiij.

Rychard wyllmson
Thoms awgar
Rawffe mollynars
Rychard borne

bylle men xiiij.

lawrans holstock
John barker
George lawe
John powell
Rychard crosse
Robart borne

Thoms wolschere
harry Tomson
Wyllm slacke
Stephyne baro
Rychard selbye
Rychard kyng

Rychard androwys.

London Bridge suffered siege early in 1554, during the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt. He arrived in Southwark at the head of the City Trained Bands (whom by pretences he had induced to desert to him) on the 3rd February. Meeting with no opposition in Southwark, he destroyed the Bishop of Winchester's Palace, and laid two pieces of ordnance at the Bridge foot. He found everything well prepared for his

reception. Sir Thomas White, the Lord Mayor, had been assisted by Lord William Howard, as Lieutenant of the City; Queen Mary remaining meantime at Guildhall. The drawbridge at London Bridge was cut down and thrown into the river, the bridge gates shut, ramparts and fortifications raised round them, and ordnance planted to defend them. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, well armed for the conflict, had ordered all persons to shut their shops and windows and to stand ready harnessed at their doors, prepared for any event that might occur. After reporting to his followers the active measures of the citizens, Wyatt decided, upon consultation, to withdraw his forces to Kingston, and crossing the Thames there to enter the City from the West. He entered London on the 7th February, but after a sharp engagement, was compelled to surrender at Temple Bar, and was executed on the 11th April on Tower Hill.

1553-4. *At* the same Court [12th January] Thomas hassill lost a platter ffor lack of workmanship.

At a Court holden the same daye [26th February] by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce the m^r Mayster kyllingworthe of his goodnes hath graunted to goo to the plyament at his owne proper Coste to Sue for the behofe of the hole Company So that yf he doo obtayne his purpose, the hole assystaunce hath promysed to paye hym his coste and charge for the Sute therof And yf the plyament be kept at Oxforde then the sayde assystaunce hath promysed to fynd hym a man & horsse to wayte vpon hym at theyr owne proper coste.

Also [7th May] the sayde Robert hethe was contented to be set a worke by the Company at iiij d. a daye meate & drynk.

At the same Courte [29th May] allyn gardener lost ij spanysh trenchers w^{ch} was forfayte.

Also yt ys ffurther agreed [14th July] by theise psonnes afor-sayd that who so ever speakyth any more of the Seasyng that late was for the payment of the xxxli to the quens ma^{ti} shall paye for every tyme xx s. to be devyded amongs the pore of the sayd Craft w^tout Redem^con.

At the same Courte [3rd September] the m^r Wardens and assystaunce w^t the hole clothing hath graunted that John Curtys sholde haue ffor markyng of every dosyn of stone pott^e whosoever brought them to marck one ffarthing.

At the same Courte [13th October] yt was agreed by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce that John Robson sholde brynge in his pawne which was xxs. for sothering otherwise then ys apoynted by the Craft And also yt was agreed that m^r makyns warden m^r Rowland, m^r baker John gery and Edward Reo shold over se all wares w^t in the Crafte to se so what sother they vse and so to brynge Reporte accordyngly by the tryall of the same and if they fynd any faute the m^r wardens & asystaunce to determyne the same.

At the same Court [7th November] Thomas Doffelde brought in Alman Revet that ys to saye a backe a Brest a payre of splynt^e a sallet & a gorget ffor his harnys that was lost by wyat [*i.e.* Wyatt's Rebellion].

At a Courte holden the same daye [16th November] by the m^r & wardens and mr Rowlandson harry Wright promysed to serve the sayde mr Rowlanson from this daye vntyll mighelmas next Comynge and to haue every daye that he workyth v. d. to be payde hym monethly And yf he absent hymself from his sayde worck & be found at any vnlawfull game as dising bowling & Carding or any other such vnlawfull games Then the sayde m^r & wardens shall w^tout favo^r bryng the sayd harry wright before the lorde mayo^r of London & there declar all his demeano^r to the vttermost & so the matter shalbe holy put to the sayd Lorde mayo^rs order Provyded alwayes that the sayde harry wright vpon the sondayes & other holly dayes after devyne s^vice ys done shall take his pastyme in the ffeild^e w^t his bowe Also the sayde harry dothe promys vnto the m^r m^r daye for monye whiche he owithe hym being the sm^a of xix s. ij d. to be payde xx d. amoneth of his wag^e aforesayde and to paye the sayde m^r Rowland other xx d. a moneth of his sayde wag^e for mony he ow^t vnto hym.

At the same Courte [8th December] John powell payde for certayne mettall vntrewly myxt to the boxe ij s. & iiij d. betwene the bedle & the Clarcke, And yf he be taken w^t the lyke ffaute agayne shall paye x li w^tout favo^r besyde farther ponyshment.

Item Rs of a pewterer of brystowe for spyce plat molde waying xxvj lb at viij d. y^e pound xvij s. iiij d.

The following entries show that the soldiers raised by the Company had to pay for their own arms; it also shows the weapons used by the gunners, bowmen and bill men. The men were members of the Yeomanry of the Company, citizen soldiers, who left the workman's bench to go to the wars, and returned to their occupation when their services were no longer required.

Item Rs of barker for his daggar vj d.

Item Rs of Willm Slack for his sword & dagger ij s.

Item Rs of Thomas awgar for his sword & dagger xvij d.

Item Rs of Richard Kyng for his sword & dagger iiij s.

Item Rs of John Powell for his dagger vj d.

Item Rs of Richard borne for his dagger xij d.

Item Rs of Raphe mullener for his dagger iiij d.

Item Rs of John Yngley for his sword & dagger iiij s.

Item Rs of the bill of Seasement for the Quenes mony that was gathered of ye cōpany xxxiiij li xj s. viij d.

Item Rs of the benevolence of ye company toward y^e plyament iiij li xvjs.

S^m xxxviiij li. xvij s. x d.

Item pd ffor Carying of the fframe that we stand in the lower end of Cornwall [Cornhill] when the Quene went to the Crownacion quene Marye vj d.

Item pd for x Red night caps v s.

Item pd for ij scotyshcaps for y^e bowmen xvj d.

Charge of the xx^{ti} men in Harnes that kept the Cyttye agaynst Wyat the Rebellyon as ffolowith [A few selected entries.]

Item pd for a lyvery Bowe ij s.

Item pd for a pound of matchis v d.

Item pd for iiij tytche boxis xij d.

Item pd for v swords at iiij s. apece xv s.

Item pd to harry empson for his dagger xij d.

J^m pd to Thomas Awgar for his bow ij s. iiij d.

J^m pd to Robert Wilkynson for his sword ij s.

J^m pd to the Collectours for a xvth & a half for the Cyttye for pagents x s.

1554-5. The iiijth day of M^oche A vewe made for Repacyons to be done by will^m vmbyll o^r Tenaunt at gregory ally at Crepull gate betwene this and mydsomer next in payne of forfayture his obligacyon. ffyrst he must Rype & poynt all the hole howses through w^t tylyng. To amend the wall^e which be broken in all the howsys where nede ys. To newe cast the ptye gutter betwene the whyte hynd & vs.

At the same Courte [31st May] before the m^r & wardens & assystaunce Stephyn Cawood of westmynster desyred the good will^e of the m^r wardens & assystaunce toward^e the brynging of hym as a brother among^e them, So yt was determynd to be ordered the next court daye being the quarter daye at mydsomer And so he to haue an Answere of all the hole Companys good will^e therin.

At the same Court yt was agreed that m^r heytwaye & m^r Baker shoulde be dayse men betweene m^r Clarck & Thomas gylberd for certayne mowlds w^{ch} ys in variens betwene them, So they are contentyd to abyde their award w^tout any farther Sute.

At a Courte holden the same daye [19th June] by the m^r wardens & assystaunce & most pt of the hole clothing yt was agreed that John Sandye shoulde be o^r offycer in the mayo^rs Court & he to haue for his ffee as others haue had in tymes past.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the m^r m^r daye shoulde haue the next advoydaunce of anye of the howses belongyng to the hall in Lymestreate for his fvaunt Robert Sommers or for any frend of his they doying as other men wyll doo.

At the same Courte [1st July] was most parte of the hole felowship of pewterers and there was agreed as folow That ys to saye that none of the sayde Crafte shall bye anye Leade of Tylers, Laborers, Masons, boyes, nor of women Nor of none such as shall seme to be a Suspect pson except they can fynde good & suffycyent warrant for the same And that the byers therof will make answare for the same psonnes so Sellyng the sayde Leade, Also yt ys farther agreed that no man of the sayde com-

pany shall by no pewt^r Leade, or any other kynde of mettall of no suspect pson or psonnes at their stallē or ellē wheare before vj of the clock in the mornyng nor after vj of the clock at night in the Sommer Season And not before viij of the Clock in the mornyng nor after foure of the Clock in the after none in the Wynter Season And yf yt be provyde that any of the Company do the contrarye, and that the sayde pewter or Leade or other mettall shoulde chaunce to be founde stollen That then the byers therof offending in this artycle shold not only at the discreesson of the m^r wardens & assystaunce for the tyme beinge be dismyssyd from the companye neu^{er} [never] to occupye the same agayne But also shall stand to suche ponyshment of the Lord the mayo^r of London and the Aldermen of the same as they shall think mete for the same And that none of the sayde companye shalbe excusyd by his wif or servauntē nor none other suche lyk excuse.

@t the same Courte [4th September] allyn dawson complayned of Thom^s Hassyll for that he ought his predecessour certayne monye whiche was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce as ffolow^t that ys to saye the sayde Hassell shall paye for ix^c qrt of tynne bettyng & fflotinge at iiij s. viij d. the C amotē to xliij s. ij d. also to paye towardē the Reperacions of his pytt & all his tolys v s. More for iij half C waightē xiiij s. iiij d. Sm^m of all ys iij li xvij d. wherof he hathe payde xls. So Rest to be payde to the forenamyd allyn dawson xxj s. vj d. To be payde forthw^t this present daye w^t any farther delaye.

ffynes [6th December] for naughty workmanship & not touching their ware. Will^m Readman vj bow pottē vj d. hugh wadelow ij Collecke ij d. [and sixteen others.]

@t the same Courte [8th December] Thomas mason by the m^r wardens an asystaunce ys forgiven for ever duringe his povertye his quarterage yerely due vnto the Clothing So that he shall paye yearly to the yemandrye iiij d. for his qrterag.

Jfm Rs for all the weddyngs whiche hathe bynne kepte in the hall this yeare being v in no^{br} x s.

Jfm Rs of Robert heathe an Alman Revet That ys to saye a back and a brest a payre of splynts and a sallet.

Item pd for a C di [$1\frac{1}{2}$ hundred] of Nayle viij d.

Item pd for cutting of v shores [? saws] & basys v s.

Paymente of Almas men. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Here follow the names of seven men receiving pensions of 6s. 8d. per annum, and two men receiving 5s. per annum, the total annual payments amounting to 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Arabic figures are first used in this year's date.

Item p^d for a tableclothe of damaske worck contⁿ vij yard^e di for the highe table at v s. the yarde amo^{ts} xxxvij s. vj d.

Item p^d for makinge of the same & seting in the marck of the Hall
[Yeomanry accounts.] ij s. vj d.

1555-6. **At** the same Courte [17th January] George hudson was sent to the ward for that he made his laye worsse then the m^r saye by vij & viij graynes of p^{fy}t goodnes And yt was agreed that he sholde put in suertes to the m^r wardens & asystaunce for the p^{fy}t working of iii^{jxx} iiij li And also yf yt maye be found that any suche ware sholde be found in the hand^e of the company of his making to make yt good at all tymes And farther to put in suertes for his trewe workmanship & myxture of mettall hereafter Or ell^e to not to occupye any more for hymself.

At the same Courte ffrank the glassyer and Willm^m Curtys complayned agaynst Thomas holden for that he solde suspecious Gobbet^e of Leade & other pec^e of suspect Leade. The sayd holden confessed that he hath certayne waight^e to the nombr of xlii wch he sayth he hath melted & cannot tell of whome he bought them & he melt them sayth he for that no man wolde bye no waight^e ffarther he sayth that he hath solde to the goodman ffrank at iij sondry tymes iij C & odweight w^{ch} parte of that was cast in gobbett^e vppon the ground some of iij qrters of a C & some in plate Leade.

At a Courte holden the xxvij daye of marche At the same Courte yt was agreed that Richard mannyng sholde paye vnto Thomas mason the S^m of iij s. iiij d. for that the sayd mannyng dyd not acording to his bond made betwene them delyuer certayne vessell w^{ch} the company of mynsterell^e shold haue occupied wherby the sayde mason was dryven to hyer vessell in another place wch was vj garnysh and payed vj d. for every

garnysh and viij d. for Caryage besyds the damage the said mason was dryven vnto And yf the sayd mannyng do breake in the lyk case agayne he shall stand to the order of the m^r & wardens & assystaunce for the tyme being what they shall adward for the same.

At the same Courte [27th March] Ellis kelsey some tyme fvaunt and appⁿtyc w^t mr Cacher & after fved w^t m^r Thomas hassyll & after w^t m^r hustwayte and after w^t Richard Waight ffrom the w^{ch} Richard he hath picked certayne tynne manyfestly provyd afore the m^r wardens & asystaunce Wherefore the sayde Ellis ys quyte dismyssed for occupying in the crafte of pewterers for ever.

At the same Courte [3rd June] the m^r wardens and asystaunce in the name of the Lorde mayor of the Cyte gave comandm^t to all the hole company to provyde every man for hym and his howsholde suche convenyent Corne as he or they sholde think mete in tyme at ij s. iiij d. the Busshell.

At the same Courte [8th July] yt was agreed that Robert Wylkynson shall not after Mighelmas daye next comyng worke prevely in his backhowse but openly in a shop to the sight of all men comyng therbye vpon payne & forfayture for the contrary doinge to fyne xx s. to the company for every tyme that he ys taken w^tall.

At the same Courte [21st August] yt was agreed for certayne monye & mettall that John Waryng owith vnto m^r heytwayte the S^m in monye iij li. xij s. ix d. o^b and in olde laye mettall xlij li. iij q^ters wherof m^r heytwayte must allowe for fyne mettall weinge xvij li And more the sayde Warryng owith for the hyer of xiiij garnyshe & ij doss of Rowe vessell over and besyds ther ys lost of the sayd vessell one dyshe weing ij li The sayd Warryng haue promysed payment befor the m^r wardens & asystaunce & to come even with the sayde m^r heytwayt befor & on this syde viij dayes after myghelmas daye next comyng w^tout any farther delaye And the sayde Warryng haue promysed to paye vnto the hande of John Curtys for the debt that he owith vnto John hicke the S^m of iij s. in monye and xxj li of fyne mettall w^tin iij dayes after the Natyvyte of o^r ladye next comyng w^tout any farther delaye and for a more Wytnes of both theise promyses here vnder he hath set to his marck. [The "marck" is a Maltese cross with a pellet or dot in each angle.]

At the same Court [4th September] Ser peter Waryson was taken in Emongst the company to be a brother & he hathe payde for his quarterage xij d.

At the same Courte [18th September] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and asystaunce that m^r heytwaye m^r Ponder m^r kyllingworth Jarvis hilton and Willm Lamkyn shall from the ffeaste of Saynte Mychaell the archaungell next comyng vnto the same ffeast of Saynt mighell come Twelmoneth then next folowing that ys to saye for one hole yeare. Searche throughowt all this Realme of Englande (London and gravisende & tenne mylles abowt london only except) And they to paye Clerelye to the hall the S^m of Twelue pounde To be payde at the ffeaste of all Saynt^e next comyng, And ffarther yt ys agreed that the sayde ptyes aforesayde at their owne proper cost^e and charge shall beare and paye all manner of Enformations, penaltis Somes of monye & other charge what so ever yt be due or to be due to the king & quens ma^e for all manner of ware or wares & other thinge that by them shall chaunce to be taken seased and forfayted So that they the sayde partyes shall save & kepe harmeles all the hole crafte for all manner of matters concernyng the Seasuer aforesayde And what so ever they shall happen to sease or take as forfayt to be only to the sayde ptyes, they answering the king & quens ma^e part^e at all tymes In Wytnes wherof the ptyes aforesayde to this present agrement haue put to their hand^e yeouen the daye aboue wrytten A^o 1556 And farther the sayd partyes shall paye the one half of the wrytting & sealing of another Reading patent & the howse shall beare the other half

p me mighell heytwayt
be me symond ponder
be me Jarvis hilton
be me wyllyam lamkyn.

At the same Court [25th September] yt was agreed by the m^r Wardens and assystaunte that John Curtis the beadle shal haue to his owne proper vse all the weddinge that shalbe kept in the hall yerely as his predecessours haue had in tymes past to make the best he can of them.

At the same Courte [17th October] it is agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and the hole clothing that who so ever was chosen steward and assocyate wth John mathew sholde haue his charge borne by the craft^e boxe over and aboue the xls. w^{ch} hath byne accustomed to be geven to the steward^e for this yeare.

At the same Courte my Lorde the mayo^r sent by co^mmission to the companye for the S^m of xlii. to be geven to brydwell or the companyes answere therin to the wch the companye answered that they are contentyd to paye their monye of benyvoulence wch they do geve frely wekely in their severall pishes where they dwell And for that m^r Alderman Curtis is taken from them who was wont alwayes to bear the one half of suche payment^e they ar not able to paye such a S^m but desyrethe to haue a lesse S^m of them to be had.

At the same Courte [12th November] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that no pson being of the clothing shall from hensforthe have as aprentice^e aboue the Nom^br of two at one tyme And that no pson owt of the yemandry shall have as aprentice aboue the Nom^br of one at one tyme and who so ever shall happen to do contrary to this article shall forfayte and paye xli for fyne according to the Ordenaunce Provyded alwayes and it is agreed that every man shall enioye those pntice^e that he hathe before the making of this ordenaunce.

An Ordar
to by no
tynne
w^{ow}te
cloffe.

At the same Courte [1st December] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens assystaunce and the most pte of the hole clothinge that no pson of the companye shalbye any Cornysh tynne or devonshere tynne w^{out} he do take ij li for the Clof of every pece of Cornysh tynne And to take one pound for the Clof of every pece of devon tynne And who so ever byeth any suche tynne contrary to this article shall paye for every pece of Cornyshe tynne in the name of a ffyne to the Craft^e boxe tenne shilling^e And for every pece of devon tynne so bought contrary to this artycle v.s. w^{out} any favour.

At the same Courte [12th December] it was agreed that Willm Mullyns and Richarde hudson sholde haue the Releif of the yemadrs boxe as folowth that is to saye betwene them the porcion of one man w^{ch} is vjs. viij d. a yere so that the yemandry shall have the nom^br of

viiij psons and when any do fall then they shall have vj s. viij d. a yere either of them and they shalbe payd now at Chrismas next comyng for the first quarter that is to saye x d. apeece and so quarterly vntill any do fall.

At the same Courte [24th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the hole Clothing and certayne of the yemandry shoulde be seased for the payment of xli. towardē the payment of xxv li. geven to brydewell and the howse to paye xv li. And when so ever there sholde Remyne clere to the craftē boxe xx li. and the howse owt of debt then the ptyes so seased sholde haue their mony agayne owt of the Craftē boxe so that the howse then sholde bear the hole S^m of xxv li.

Item pd to the Collectours in ffarthingward [? Farringdon] for a Subzedye for o^r hall as doth appeare by a byll of their owne hands, due to the Quene in Maye last S^m xxviij s.

Item pd for an Ell & a quarter of Camerick for yo^r ansigne . v s. viij d.

Item pd for Gylding of the same ansigne xxx s.

Item pd for the one half of the Charge of another Readinge patente. S^m xvj s. viij d.

Item pd for iiij paire of ffrize Slappes [for military equipment] . viij s.

Reperacions done uppon o^r landē in ffanchurche streate vpon the howse called the iij tonnes & patrick kewes howse.

Item pd to the Carpenter for xx C of lathe at x d. the C. S^m xvj s. viij d.

Item pd for xlix fote of Evis [eaves] Borde ij s.

Item pd for ij Rafters of a xj fote apeece xx d.

Item pd for a puncheon of vj fote viij d.

Item pd to the Carpenter for half a dayes work vj d.

Item pd to ye Iremonger for nayles as yt apearyth by his byll of pcells xxj s. viij d.

Item pd to the Tylemaker for vj m^l tyle at xj s. the m^l. S^m . iij li vj s.

Item pd to lyman for ij C iiij lode of lyme xvj s.

Item pd for xvj Ruf [roof] tyle xvj d.

Item pd for iij busshells di [$3\frac{1}{2}$ bushels] of tyle pynnes ij s.

Item pd for a ti of Candell ij d.
Item pd for viij lode of Sande at viij d. the lode v s. iiij d.
Item pd to the plumer for Casting of a gutter weinge xxxv ti di viij d
Item pd to the mr Tyler for xxvij dayes work at xij d. the daye xxvij s.
Item pd to his laborers for xxiiij dayes apece at viij d. the daye apece xxxij s.
Item pd for Caryage awaye of xij lode of Rubbyshe iiij s.
Item pd for wrytting and engrosing of this accompte S^m vjs. viij d.
Also we fynde in the hands of mr ponder for certayne bottells and mettall taken on bartylmew daye w^{ch} was prayسد at xxxvij s. ij d. the one half thereof due to the quene & the other half to the howse wch as yet ys vncompted for w^{ch} ys. xvij s. vij d.

The Inventory for this year has in addition to a "Banner of the olde armes of the craft," "One Ansigne of sylke w^t the newe Armes of the Crafte." [Book of Inventories.] The costs of making this new banner or ensign, amounting to 35s. 8d., are set out on the previous page.

Item viij Banners of harts heds & Roses in the myds ij of Silke & ij of Clothe, and iiij small pendaunts w^t harts heds of the gyfte of m^{rs} ashlyn. [Book of Inventories.]

1556-7.—**At** the same Courte [15th January] the m^r wardens and assystaunce for matter in varyence betwene m^r hustwayt & Robert west w^{ch} was for certayne monye the sayde west ought vnto the sayde m^r hustwayte dyd ordayne that the sayde west shoulde vpon twesdaye next comyng worke a q^{ter}ne waight of tankerd pott^e & so being wrought to delyuer them Imedyatly vnto the sayd m^r hustwayte and R^e the waight in olde mettall and to be payd for the workmanship of the monye he owth him w^{ch} is viijs. vij d. & so from thence forth to work every fortnight of tankerd pott^e a q^{ter}ne waight vtill the sayd viij s. vij d. be payd.

At a Courte holden the same daye [30th Jan.] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce That if any man of the felowship do from hensforthe make or cause to be made prevely or apte [aperte, *i.e.* openly] any measure pott^e comonly called taverne pott^e of any lease measure then by the standerd apoynted for the same pott^e that then the pson so

making any suche pottē lesse then measure shall paye for making defalt therof to the craftē boxe Tenne poundē And if the pson so making Defalt be not able to paye the sayd fyne of x^{li} then the m^r wardens and assystaunce shall so Sue the same pson that he shall stand on the pillarye thre lawfull market dayes according to the order of the Cytie for suche offenders w^hout any favo^r therin to be shewed.

At the same Courte [13th March] John Cutler payde for a fyne of ij brasse pottē wch weare taken forfayte at gravisend ffayre waying xxxij lli wch pottē weare falsly myxed And it was agreed that he sholde haue the mettall agayne when the pottē weare broken for this tyme.

At the same Court yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the hole companye that no pson of the sayde companye shall from hensforth make or cause to be made any Eare Disshes fflower delicē [fleurs de lis] or any other manner of Eares except suche eares be cast in the mowldē to gether w^t the body of suche disshes so made and not to be sothered to the body as heretofore they have done And whosoever doth make any suche disshes contrary to this article shall paye & forfayte for every dosyn dishes so made & therof being convict iij s. iij d. wthot favor.

At a Courte holden the same daye [5th May] Robert west was sent to the warde for making of ffalse measure pottē by the comaundement of my Lorde the Mayo^r.

At the same Courte yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry Ractlyf sholde haue Lycence to goo into yorkeshere to his brother and there to Remayne for ever if he will so that he do not occupy the crafte of pewterers as by due prof therof maye be had in wrytting & set to the m^r & wardens for the tyme being and that it was also agreed that he sholde haue owt of the craftē boxe towardē his chargē to bring hym thether ij s.

At the same Courte [14th May] the m^r gave leve vnto Thomas Duffilde to goo in to the contre to se his mother and there to Remayne at his pleasuer so that he be at london agayne wthin xiiij dayes after his depture towardē his Journey.

Be yt Remembered that all manner of Lymbecke is made of ffyne and the burnyng ys of leye and the knop of the stille is fyllyd w^t leade.

At the same Courte [14th June] it was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce that all suche psons as had any pott^e made by Robert west they sholde as well bryng a bill of such waight as also the losse sustayned by the same.

m ^{rs} ashlyn takerd pot ^e weing xlvj li lost	vij s. iij d.
James bayne xvj li waight . . . . .	.ij s. vij d.
Nicholas Torner iij ^{xx} j lli lost . . . . .	.ix s. iij d.
Thomas Elyot Cxx lli lost . . . . .	.xvj s. j d.
Wittm Readman xxxix ^{li} di lost . . . . .	.vij s. vj d.
Robert Bakehowse ix li di lost . . . . .	.ij s.
Wittm Mylle j C q ^q xij lli lost	xxvij s. iij d.
Thomas hassill xl li lost . . . . .	.vj s.
Robrt grave xxvij lli Lost . . . . .	.iij s. iij d.
John harvy xxxij li tankerd lost . . . . .	.v s. viij d.
Wittm Hooton iij ^{xx} iij li lost . . . . .	.ix s. vj d.

At the same Courte it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Robert west shoulde quyte be dismissed owt and ffrom the occupying the Crafte & mistery of pewterers & that none of the same company shall nother by nor sell w^t hym from hensforthe for ever vpon payne & forfayture of x li.

At the same Courte [14th August] all the hole assystaunc^e dyd agree that Richard Wittmson shoulde have warnyng to advoyde ow^t of his howse betwene this and Christmas next wthout any farther delaye for that he wolde not come & apeare at the warnyng of the m^r & wardens by vertue of a Commission sent vnto them by the lorde mayo^r for the apoynting of xx men to wayte vpon the quene but when the sayd wittmsom was warned wolde not be found but kept his howse and not be sene.

And that yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry Tompson shoulde haue the Vewe and markinge of all stone pott^e and he

shoulde marke none but those that be substancyally wrought And for his paynes taking in the same he shoulde haue his howse Rent ffree vntill farther order were taken beginnyng at mighelmas next & so forward.

The xixth daye of August being the same daye that m^r Clarck was buried. ffynes for late comyng to dirige mr baker iiij d. [and six others.] ffynes for late comyng to masse. mr mylle ij d. [and four others.] Thomas hassill for missing both at dirige & masse ij s.

At a Courte holden the same daye [22nd September] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Thomas Nicolle shoulde be chosen as warden for the yemandry for and in the name of his m^r John Burnam for that he is owt of towne vpon this condicōn folowing that is to saye if the sayde John Burnam come agayne afore the yemandryes feast be past or afore the m^r & wardens of the yemandry geve vp their accompt and do well and trewly paye vnto the sayde Thomas Nicholle all such monye as he shall happen to laye out betwene this and that tyme about the necessary busynes of the sayde wardenship That then the sayde thomas Nicolle shall peaceably & quyetly goo forthe of the same office as thoughe he had never be chosen to yt And if it happen the sayd burnam do not come home by the tyme aforesayd or otherwise do not paye the said Nicolle his monye as ys aforesayde Then the said Thomas Nicolle shall enioye the sayde office of wardenship for hymself and never hereafter to be elect or chosen or otherwise troubled neither for the office of m^r nor yet wardens of the yemandrye agayne.

Monny that is gathered for a gift to sr⁹ Thomas Curtis knight and lorde mayo^r of london fyshmonger & before shreif of London pewterer for the S^m of x li. and the Rest geven to the howse.

	<i>Bridewell.</i>	<i>mony geuen.</i>
m ^r cacher	x s.	v s.
m ^r crostwayt	v s.	v s.
m ^r mylle	vj s. viij d.	x s.
m ^r Carye	vj s. viij d.	vj s. viij d.
m ^r hustwayt	x s.	v s.
m ^r killingworth	x s.	
gebyn to the howse		

	<i>Bridewell.</i>	<i>mony geven.</i>
m ^r daye	iiij s.	v s.
m ^{rs} Clarck	x s.	v s.
m ^r Royston	vj s. viij d.	vj s. viij d.
m ^r heytwayt	x s.	
m ^r wodowce	iiij s. iiij d.	iiij s. iiij d.
m ^r baker	iiij s.	iiij s. iiij d.
m ^r ponder	vj s. viij d.	iiij s. iiij d.
Ri ^c pryer	xx d.	ij s.
Jarvis hilton	v s.	
m ^r Rowland	iiij s. iiij d.	ij s. viij d.
m ^r makyns	iiij s. iiij d.	
John gerye	v s.	
geven to y ^e howsse		
Edward Reo		v s.
he lent to brydwell v s. wyche he wold not geve to my lorde mayre.		
Thomas whitbe	ij s.	
Wittm Curtis	x s.	
gevnyn to y ^e howse ffrelve the order before wryten to be voyde.		
Richard Scot	x s.	
Will haynes	ij s.	iiij s.
Thomas allyn	vj s. viij d.	
John benston	ij s.	xij d.
Thomas hassill	vj s. viij d.	
Allyn gardener	ij s.	iiij s.
John mathewe	ij s.	
mrs. ashlyn	x s.	xx s.
John harvy	ij s.	

Of the which monye m^r warden mylle layd owt for the mony that was geven to brydewell the S^m of v li. v s. to be payd agayn by the howse at & before shrove sondaye next comynge A^o 1557.

At the same Court [5th October] the m^r of the yemandry complained agaynst Robert maryner for that he wolde not goo wth them to the offering of Stephin gartons daughter & gaue the said m^r approbrious worde yet vpon entreat of the m^r the m^r & wardens and assistaunce for gaue hym.

At the said Court the m^r of the yemandry complained agaynst ffraunce foliot for that he mysused hym self towarde the porter that kept the gate on o^r Lady daye the assumpcon being yo^r dynner daye the said foliot throwed a great brickstone agaynst the gate & disquyeted all the whole company Yet vpon entreat of the assistaunce & the said m^r of the yemandrye he was forgeuen.

At a Court then holden [21st October] yt was agreed for mater in varyaunce betwene harry Normand & Wittm abbye for all manner of Reconyngē Sute quarelle strife and debates from the beginnyng of the worlde vnto this daye that the said harry shall paye vnto the said Willm abbye in monye forthwith ijs. & so to be lou^s & frende. Provided alwayes that the obligacon of xxxvj s. wch is in the hande of the said hary normand payable by x s. a quarter the first payment due at hollandtid next shall stand in effect acording to the teno^r therof.

At the same Courte there was a newe marck devised by the m^r wardens and assistaunce for Robert west w^{ch} was a W. f. and he denyed yt & wold not haue yt.

At the same Courte [10th December] my lorde of Burgaveny complained agaynst John bowlting for certayne lymbecke wch was fawtie solde vnto hym Yt was agreed that the said bowlting shall content his m^r m^r baker for one newe Lymbeck and he shall make another substancially & delyuer hit to his said m^r & so to be marked wth the mark of m^r Baker & then delyuered by m^r baker to my lord.

At the same yt was agreed that John burnam sholde be Banysshed the company for ever.

Item Rs of water makynge for a Beame x s.

Item Rs of mr killingworthe mr heytwayte mr ponder Jarvis hilton and Wittm lamkyn for their lycence in going throughowt England to serche xij li.

- Item** pd to Edmund browne o^r Clarck for the wrytting of the Indenture of Coumaunts [covenants] and the Lycence of the whole crafte betwene vs and mr killingworth and the rest that went to searche
vj s. viij d.
- Item** pd for pecking of a grene sawce mortar ij d.
- Item** pd for ij plates for the Oven mouthes and for one of them was there geven by the smith an newe trevet to be put into yt and so we payd for the workmanship and the over waight of Iron . . . v s. viij d.
- Item** pd for making of one Newe spyt and for mendinge of iiij olde & mending of a grediron xvij d.
- Item** pd for iiij new bills iij s. viij d.
- Item** pd for dressing of a swerde & a payre of Hilts & a newe scaberd xij d.
- Item** pd for a newe sheve of arrowes and Repayring of other iij sheves & for mending of their Casis v s. x d.
- Item** pd for mending of iij gonnes xiiij d.
- Item** pd for half a pound of gonne powder vj d.
- Item** pd for making clene of x swords & for vj new scaberd s iij s. ijd.
- Item** pd for a quarter of doble tenpenny nayle and half a C single x penny nayle & ij Joynts xiiij d.
- Item** pd for a Rope for the well viij d.
- Item** pd to brydewell owt of the crafts boxe xv ti.
- Item** pd for o^r dynner at billingsgate when the tankerd potts were broken ijs.

Charges in setting forthe of Tenne men agaynst the french king by Commission of my lord mayo^r. [Three selected items follow.]

- Item** pd for their barge hyer to gravisend xx d.
- Item** pd for xxx yards of white cotton at vij d. o^b the yarde and a quarter of Red at xj d. S^m of bothe is xix s. viij d. wherof there was cut owt iij yards for one cote and the rest delyu^ded agayne to the drap whiche was losse for every yarde o^b amounts to xiiij d. o^b and for the iij yards Remayning at vij d. o^b the yard amounts to xxij d. o^b S^m iij s. xjd.
- Item** pd for making of the same Cote iij d.

Charges in setting forthe of xx men whiche weare appoynted to serve the Quens ma^{ti} by my lord mayo^{rs} comysson. [A total of 59s. 8d.]

These levies were for the disastrous war with France, into which Queen Mary was led by her consort Philip.

Item pd to iij gonners that is to saye Ric^o harrisson Raphe mullyners and Nicholas Browne at my Lord the mayo^{rs} comaundement . x s.

Mony lent by certayne of the companye & payde in to the hands of m^r Cacher Stephin Rowanson and Wittm Haynes towards the payment of xxv li. whiche was geven ffrellye towards the ffurnytüre of Brydewell the xvth of Decembr Anno 1556, And must be payde agayne according to the grement of all the hole clothing at the chargs of the howse in manner & forme folowing that is to saye when soever there shoulde Remayne clere in the crafts boxe xx li. and the howse owt of debt, then the pties hereafter folowing who by estymacion haue payd suche somes as is lymtyed vpon their heds shall be payde their monye agayne.

The Book of Inventories contains a transcript of the will of Michael Heythwayte, citizen and Pewterer, of which he made the Company overseers, with a gift of 40*l.* and 40*s.* yearly, to the Master and Wardens during the minority of his heirs. He lived in the parish of St. Bennet Fink, and died in 1557. Preceding this document is a Latin deed of feofment from Mr. Heythwayte to Edward Catcher and Nicholas Crosthwaite, on behalf of the Company, of a house at Eltham in Kent, the Three Kings at Aldgate, and a house at London Stone, in the parish of St. Swithin.

An important Act of Common Council passed on 27th September, 1555 (2 and 3 Philip and Mary), regulating the custom of apprenticeship, is entered in a book of ordinances of the Ironmongers' Company. It provides that no person should be admitted to the freedom of the City (and so be enabled to set up in business) before reaching the age of twenty-four, nor were apprentices to be taken for fewer years than such as would bring them to that age on coming out of their time. The reason that is alleged is the great poverty lately arisen within the City, of which "one of the chiefest occasions," it is said, "is by reason of the over hastie marriages and over sone setting up of housholdes of and by the youth and young folkes of the sayde citie, which hath commonly used, and yet do, to marry themselves as sone as ever thay come oute of theyr appren-

tishode, be thaye never so young and unskilful, yea and often tymes many of them so poore that they scantly have of their proper goodeyes wherewith to buye theire marriage apparel and to furnyshe ther houses with implemenes and other thinges necessary for the exercise of ther occupations." Nicholl's *Ironmongers' Company*, 72-73. Nearly a year later, on the 15th September, 1556 (3 and 4 Philip and Mary), an order of the Common Council limiting the number of apprentices was assented to by several of the Companies, chiefly those belonging to the minor crafts. "This day the Wardeyns of the Founders Comp^y, Pastelers, Bowyers, Tylers, Fletchers, Blaksmyths, Spurriers, Joyners, Weavers and Cordweyners, Coryers, Plomers, Paynters, Masons, Armurers, Cutlers, & Pewterers, dyd here appere, and were very well contentyd and agreable to stande to the order of this Corte for the apoyntyng of the nombre of the Apprentices that ev'ry Householder of ev'ry of there fealowshippes shall receave and keepe at once, and by cause of the sayd Wardens of the Founders and others confessed that they had certayn Ordenances for the same effect already, they have this day seven-nyght to bring in their Bookes thereof, and as for the reasidue as yeat not having such Ordenances the Corte agreyd to call theym agayne shortly." *City Records*, Repertory 13², fol. 426b.

1557-8.—**At** a Court holden that daye [18th June] by the m^r wardens assistaunce & most parte of all the whole company of pewterers yt was agreed that no psonne from hensforth shall make any tankerd pott^e or hoped pott^e but they shall sother the same wth fyne mettall in all place saving only the setting in of the bottam and who so ever shalbe taken doing contrary to this article shall forfayte all suche pott^e from mydsomer next folowing forward^e.

At a Court holden the same daye by the m^r wardens and assistaunce Stephin barowe complayned of Allyn dawson for taking awaye his standinge at kingstone fayre So yt was agreed the said allyn dawson to laye downe his fyne for the same who so did yet the m^r wardens & assistaunce for that he shewed hymself gentill toke no more of hym for this tyme but xij d. the one half Stephin barowe had & the howse the hother half w^{ch} was vj d.

At the same Courte John sawnderson brought in his fyne for going in to the Countree to worke w^{ch} was no monye but spones & the mr wardens & assystaunce was good vnto hym for this tyme & toke but a dosin of spones for his offence & if he be taken wth the lyke faut herafter he shall paye his whole fyne w^{thout} favo^r. Also yt was agreed he shoulde paye for openyng his shop forthwth iij s. iiij d.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that Peter Rigsby Svaunt wth Edward Rewe shoulde for amende paye vnto John Cutler for that he pulled of his bearde ij s. betwene this and midsomer next and if any of them do one mocke or scorn the other or otherwise make any ofence the first offender shall paye xx s.

At the same Court [26th June] John Cutler complayned agaynst George basker for mony he owth hym beinge iiij s. iiij d. yt was agreed that the said Basker shall from this daye forward wekely lyd vj stone pottē w^{ch} comyth to x d. vntill the said mony be paid.

At a Courte holden the same daye [1st July] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce yt was agreed (for certayne varyaunce betwene Thomas fisher and wittm Jones for the service of Richard bigg whiche was hyred by fisher to serve wekely wth hym one weke and another weke wth Jones) it is agreed that the said Richard Bigge shall forthwth worke wekely for the space of iij weke to gether Immedyatly after this daye wth Wittm Jones and after that iij weke ended to worke wth thomas fisher one weke and wth the said Jones another weke and so to conteneue wth bothe pties vntill mighelmas next and then the said bigge to be at his libertie.

The first of Julye Anno 1558. Also yt is ordered and agreed that no man of the sayde Crafte shall sell no rough vessell to no parson for any mony or other wise vpon Payne and forfayture of all the sayde vessell so solde the one moyetie wherof to be to hym or them that canne fynd the same and the other moitie to be to the use of the maister and wardens and Cominaltie of the sayd mistery. [Jury Book.]

At a Court holden [5th August] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce Yt was agreed that John Taylo^r shoulde be Receyued agayne as a Brother of the company but if ever he goo owt in to the Countree to worke agayne he shalbe clene dismyssed & neu^r [never] be Receyued agayne.

At a Courte holden the same daye [2nd September] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that m^r Mill^e and Wittm Curtis shoulde goo to sturbridge fayer & there serche and that that they take sholde Remayne to the howse and they shall haue for their paynes toward^e their charg^e the S^m of x s.

At a Courte holden [22nd September] by the m^r wardens and the whole Clothinge yt was agreed that Thomas armestronge shoulde be dismyssed owt of the company and from hensforth taken as no brother of the companye for that he will not com contributor to all maner of Charge and beare office accordinge to o^r Ordenaunce.

Ware taken and seasid by m^r Mill^e warden and Wittm Curtis apoynted to goo to serche at sturbridge as folowith

A fayre at Saynt albones

taken of George bate of alesbery a sawc ^r	. . . . .	di tti.
vj chopnet ^e of Laye	. . . . .	iiij tti di

Taken at sturbridg fayer

of harry Ractlyf a iiij tti platter not marked iiij d. & he marched in company wth a french woman

of Thomas Lessy victualler vij platers xj dishes Ruf of Laye pōz [poids, i.e. weight] xl tti

At a Courte holden the saide xixth daye of octobr it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that no pson of the same Company shall take any apprentice but the Clarck shall make their Indentures and who-soever that dothe put their Indentures to make to any other pson they shall paye vnto the Clarcke his duetie although he make them not w^{ch} is viij d for every payre.

Willm Baryson who cam in by Redemcōn was sworne [4th November].

This is an early instance of the use of the term Redemption.

At the same Courte [10th December] Thomas hassill laid downe vj s. viij d. for that he ware not his Lyvery gowne at the Mayors ffeaste but the m^r wardens and assystaun^o agreed shoulde haue it agayne for this tyme and if he be taken wth the lyke faute agayne he shall paye doble as the m^r & wardens shall se cause.

Richard selfy hathe promysed [10th December] to bring in a spone of an oz or better betwene this and Christmas even next and delyuer the

same vnto m^r warden Curtis hande or vj s. viij d. in monye or ethe to advoyde the wearing of his hood & not be taken as one of the clothing. — [*Rough Minutes*, 21.]

At the same Courte [30th December] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the hole Lyvery that the m^r and wardens shall not Lycense any to set vp or open his shop, vnto such tyme as the pson that comyth owt of his yeares do come before the m^r wardens and assystaunce and bring his m^r wth hym to make report of his behav^or, substaunce, and what workman he is so that he may be knowne whether he be worthy to set vp or not.

The Chargs of the Tenne harness men whiche weare Charged to [*sic*] serued the king A^o Quarto & Quinto Regis et Rigne Philipi et Marie the forth of January Anno 1557. [S^m iij li v s. ij d.]

J^{fm} for vj charge boxis v d.

J^{fm} for v shoting gloves xx d.

J^{fm} for gerdles iij ij s.

J^{fm} for ij payre of shewes xij d.

J^{fm} pd to the Beadle for his charge going to Qinborough [*sic*] to delyuer them to the capetayn viij s. xd.

The Charge of the xx men whiche went to serue the Quene at Callyce set out the xiiijth of Janu^y Anno 1557 of the w^{ch} x went owt.

J^{fm} pd for ij armyng swords v s.

The total sum paid was 3*l*. 18*s*.

J^{fm} pd for newe Russhes for the plo^r xij d.

J^{fm} pd for a lytle Iron ladle to make sayes [assays] ij d.

Clement Killingworth, Citizen and Pewterer, who died 22nd November, 1558, left to the Company certain contingent benefits arising from a wharf and tenements in the parish of St. Mary Somerset. The bequest was subject to default of issue to the testator's son, and no benefit seems to have resulted to the Company. Killingworth lived at the sign of the White Horse, the tenancy of which after his death passed to his apprentice Richard Thompson. His will is transcribed in the Book of Inventories, and in the Inventory of 1556 are the following entries:—

In the Last will & testament of m^r killingworth. **A**nd that m^r Killingworthe hathe his wyll delyvered agayne the vj daye of september 1558 by the m^r & wardens that tyme being.

The following ordinance is from the Jury Book :—

The therde daye of marche Anno 1558 in the tyme of m^r Royson m^r Willm Baker and willm Curtis wardens. Also be it ordeyned that no parson of the sayde felowship shall reuile slaunder or Taunte one another before the maister and wardens beinge other settinge in their courtes or any other places with vn honest or vnsemely wordes or Comunicacōn or at any time speke more then shall become hym or them ouerthwartly and frowardly to the disquietting of the felowship by meanes therof therebe partes taken and the good orders of the felowship hyndered by suche vnsemely demeanours. Therefore it is ordered and agreed that he or they that shall hereafter offend in any poynte as is aforesayde and therof founde ffawty by the sayde maister and wardens and assistance or the moste parte of them shall forfayte and paye for euery tyme so offending iij s. iiij d. to the vse of the coōmon boxe of the sayde felowship.

And further if any parson of the sayde ffelowship hereafter of an obstynate mynd will not be ordered and Judged for their offences by the sayde m^r and wardens and assystance or the most parte of them but will obstinately and wilfully stand in his owne singuler openion and quelybeth contrary to reason and honesty and further do attempt to haue his remedy in other places to the greate slaunder and disquiettinge of the sayde ffelowship. Therefore it is ordered and agreed that he that so doth shalbe Banished owt of the felowship and company. And except he Reconsile hym self to the sayde m^r and wardens and assistance or the most part of them within xl dayes then next ensuing and to paye such fyne as shalbe Judged by the sayde maister wardens and assystance without grutching. Or elle to be Banished the company for euer. And all his partakers and mayntayners beinge proued euery of them shall forfayte and paye for euery tyme offending to the vse of the coōmon box of the sayde felowship xx s.

And further that no parson of the assystance or clothing of the sayde felowship do at any courte heareafter Rise from the tabull or owt of his

place when any mater shall be in debating as hath byn done in tymes past for some hath Rissen and gon theyre waye before they vnderstode what the matter ment to the greate disquietting of the rest of the felowship. Wherefore it is ordered and agreed that who so euer riseth from the Tabull or owt of his place in the Courte tyme without the lycens of the maister and wardens or one of them shall forfayte and paye for every tyme so offending ijs. to the vse aforesayde.

And further it is ordered and agreed that no parson of the sayde felowship shall interrupt one another in telling of his tale before the maister and wardens setting in theire Courtes or presume to speake in another mans tale Till he hath tolde his tale to an end and that there speake but one man at once. And who so euer and as many as doth offend to the contrary shall paye for every tyme to the poore mens Box one penny.

1558-9.—At the same Courte [17th March] Wilfred Bakelhowse dweling in Blasing Lane is amyted to be a brother of the Company. Willm Graye spone maker in frydaye streate is also amytted a brother of the company.

At a Courte then holden [31st March] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Robert west sholde bringe in his wif vpon ffrydaye next to reconsile her self to m^r Cacher and others of the Company for her naughty mysdemeano^r of her tonge toward^e them.

Thomas Curtis aprentice wth sr^j Thomas Curtis sworne [7th April].

At the same Courte [7th May] yt was agreed that no man sholde by any Tynne of Allyn the Taylo^r in bucklers bury after this daye.

The names of all those that gaue Toward^e the Reparacōns of the newe Glassynge of the newe Parlo^r.

A list of twenty-three contributors follows, the gifts being “a wyndowe” or “xij d.”

These men folowing is elected [7th July] to take order for Prentice and to wey Indiferently the state of the whole companye who is able to mayntayne and kepe prentice and who is not. M^r warden Baker and m^r warden Curtis M^r hustwayte, m^r Cacher M^r Rowlandson Edward Rewe John Gery Richard Scot.

At the same Court [4th August] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce that from this tyme forward yt shall not be leafull that the m^r and wardens of their owne mynde shall not geue leaue to any man of the companye lybertie to Set vp, but the pson that Requyreth to set vp shall be sene by the assystaunce & his m^r that he served wth all to declare his honestie and behav^r & also to bringe in a sample of his worke and so to be sene vewed and adjudged by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and they to geue their verdyt whether the ptaye be a mete man to set vp or not. —[*Rough Minutes*, 21.]

Sir Peter Warryson received the second highest number of votes in the election of junior warden.

At the same courte [31st August] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce wth the whole consent and agrement of the whole clothinge and yemandry yt was ordered that every man and wif that comyth to the yemandries dynner sholde paye xvj d. And every Journeyman that hath a wif and do come to dynner shall paye xvj d. And every lone man beinge a howsholder that comyth to dynner shall paye xij d. and every Journeyman having no wif and comyth to dynner shall paye viij d. And if any pore man being not able to paye his charge concernyng the same dynner shall be remyted yf he come not vpon Lycence And acording to the olde order every man that hath bynne maryed wthin the same ij yeares shall geve his cocke or effe paye xij d. in mony over & beside the paying for his dynner. And also every man in the company shall paye as they haue done in tymes past j d. towarde the playe and a j d. for his offering And every man that promyseth to come to dynner & come not shall paye his whole duetie as if they cam. Provided alwayes that none bringe his gest wth him wthout he paye for his dynner as moch as he paith for hymself and that they bring no childerne wth them passing one & no more.

The names of them that gaue fyne mettall towarde the making of pewter Trenchers & other thynges m^r alderman Curtis viij lli. m^r Peter warison x lli. & 37 others.

The names of them that went to the muster before the Quenes matie in Julie last past A^o 1559 beinge xxvij men as folowth Gonners 5, Halberde 12, Pikemen 10.

The bill of Seasement for the Charge of the said xxvij men gathered of the company. For the Clothing the sums vary from 4*d.* to 1*s.*, for the yeomanry from 4*d.* to 8*d.* The total sum amounts to 31*s.* 2*d.*

Stephen BaroBe paid [26th September] in the name of a fyne for that he solde certayne ware les then the price xij d. [and it is ordered that he should paye Anthony Smyth for that he laid a wager his mony agayne.—*Rough Minutes.*]

Re of Richard Scot for that he cam not to Saynt Martyns to goo in y^e barge the same daye the Mayre toke his othe iiij d.

At a Courte holden the same daye [27th November] it was ordayned and agreed by the mr Wardens and asystaunce and the hole Clothinge that ffrom hensforthe there shall none of the yemandry come to the accompte of the yemandrye the sondaye after saynt katherins daye but only suche as be howsholders and others as shalbe thought mete by the discession of the m^r and Wardens of the yemandrye wth the consent of the m^r & Wardens of the Clothinge and that every man that dothe come to the geving vp of the same accompt shall paye for his supper iiij d. a pece.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that Harry tompson sholde haue no more the vewe nor making of stone pottē nor that from hensforth the marke of the Hall sholdē pas vpon the stone pottē lyddē But that all makers of stone pot lyddē sholde make them substauncyally & workmanly according to there samples Remayning in the hall by the said makers brought in and frely geven to the hall and whosoever do make any worsse lydē then those are yt shalbe leafull for the m^r and wardens from hensforth to breake the same lyddē and the pottē that shalbe found fawtye either in the lyddē or Jawmes in whose handē so ever they may be founde, and the makers therof to make them good agayne eyther to haberdasshers or others And that from hensforth the makers of stone pott lyddē shall set there marcke on the inside of the Lyddē.

M^d [5th December] That Thomas allyn gave v s. for a Recreasion for beinge at the Buryall of his wif the same daye in monye xxvj s. viij d. Wherof vjs. viij d. was spent the same daye m^r alderman Curtis was buried at the Castle in newe fyshstreate and the Rest which was xx s. it

was agreed by the whole clothing that Withm Curtis sholde haue towardē the payment of the debt due to hym to be payde as maye apeare by the fote of his accompte.

At the same Courte [8th December] John strange bounde hymself as a Couenaunt fvaunt with Raphe Mullyners and to serve hym from this daye forthwarde one whole yere and to haue wekely ij s. when he workethe, and every broken weke to haue for his dayes worke every daye when he worketh iiij d. and so throughowt the yere.

At the same Courte [15th December] John Norton bound hymself a couenaunt fvaunt with Raphe Mullyners and to serve hym from this daye forward one whole yere and to haue for his wage ij s. a weke bothe broken and whole, Christmas weke and Easter weke only except.

At the same Courte [19th December] John Russell bound hymself as a Couenaunt fvaunte wth Robert Tymme and hath Taken a j d. to sarue hym a whole yere and to begyn at Candemas next comynge and to haue for his wage iij li for his yeaes wage to be payde quarterly xv s. and his maister hath made clere wth hym tyll Candelm̄s.

Item Rs of dyverse of the lyvery for fynes for late comyng to the buryall of Richard prier xij d.

Item Rs of dyverse of the lyvery for fynes for late comynge to the buryall of harvies wedow xiiij d.

Item Rs of hughe wadelowe and John bowltinge for a fyne for that they were at varyence xij d.

Item Rs for iij statute Bokes vj d.

Item Rs of John Bussbye my lorde mayre yeman xij d.

Item Rs of John Jackson for John hare his aprentice ij s.

[Note in margin] **the** same John hare is quyt dismyssed for his picking and bribing the xxvth daye of June 1563.

Item pd to withm Lowton, and withm Readman stewards to make a dynner for the rest of the company that dynded not at yelde hall xxvj s. viij d.

Item pd to the pson [at abchurch] for dirige and masse viij d. and to iij other prests xij d. To the clarck viij d. for ringing, for ij half pound tapers xd. **Item** to the m^r of the Craft for being at dirige and masse vj d. and

to the ij wardens viij d., and to ij other of the livery for their offering
ij d. **Itm** to the Beadle for warnyng of them iiij d. **Itm** pd to the m^r
and wardens and ij other of the livery to drink xij d. **S^m** . . . v s. xd.

Itm pd to the Curat [at alhallowes in Lumbertstreate] for taking paynes at
the Comunion xij d. **Itm** pd to the Clarcke and other singers at the
Comⁿon iij s. iiij d. **Itm** pd to the Churchwardens for occupyng of
theire Ornaments xx d. **Itm** pd to a precher for his paynes at the
same Com^unyon iij s. iiij d. the sexton iiij d. **S^m** ij s. viij d.

Itm paide for the Quenes parte of ware taken at sturbridge Saynt albons
& croyden fair **S^m** x s. xj d.

Itm pd for a xvth graunted to Quene Mary for owre hall vj s. viij d.

Itm pd for ij xvth graunted agaynst the Crowna^con of Quene Elyzabeth
xiiij s. iiij d.

Queen Elizabeth succeeded to the throne on the death of her sister,
17th November, 1558. The Queen, who was staying at Hatfield, soon
(24th November) removed to the Charterhouse, being escorted thither
through the City by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs. On
21st November the Common Council voted two fifteenths for the cus-
tomary gift to be presented to Her Majesty on passing through London
to her coronation.

Itm pd for a xvth graunted by Comⁿon councell for Billets vj s. viij d.

Itm pd to m^r osborne for a Superzedius for the discharge of the wardens
the last yeare of a rest owt of the Exchequer ij s. vj d.

Itm pd for Caryng of o^r standing at the Comyng in of Quene Elyzabeth
the xxix day of Novem^br Anno 1558 vj d.

This was the state entry of the new Queen into her City of London
on the way to the Tower, amidst universal acclamation from the citzens
of all classes. The Queen was attended by the Lord Mayor, Recorder,
and principal citzens from Charterhouse Gate, through Barbican,
Cripplegate, and London Wall to Bishopsgate "and so with Lordes,
Knights, and Gentlewomen richly apparelled [they] brought hir to the
Tower of London." The Livery Companies, as usual on these occasions,
lined the greater part of the route, each Company in proper precedence
attending in its stand,

Item pd to the Carpenter for setting vp the standing ij s.

Item pd for bringing of yt home iiij d.

Item pd for the hyer of a Barge at the Quenes comyng to the Tower by water xxiiij s. iiij d.

Item pd for iiij staves for y^e wyflars viij d.

Item pd for Caryng owt of o^r standing agaynst the Crowna^con of the Quene and for bringing of yt home xvj d.

Elizabeth was crowned at Westminster on 15th January, 1558-9.

The ceremony was preceded by two great receptions of their new Sovereign on the part of the citizens. On the 12th the Queen proceeded by water from Whitehall to the Tower, attended by the Lord Mayor and Corporation and all the Crafts of the City in their barges; and on the 14th the Coronation procession passed through the City by land from the Tower to Westminster.

Item pd for wryting the names of the Clothing in a newe order in a table iiij s. iiij d.

Item pd for a C of faggot to laye in the hall for store agaynst wynter vj s. ij d.

Item pd more for the playe then was gathered of the Companye as appearith by a bill iiij s. j d.

Item pd for dyverse charge of xxvij men w^{ch} went to muster at grenewitch on saynt peters daye as maye apeare xxxj s. iiij d.

This famous military display seems to have been held not on St. Peter's Day (29th June) but in July, as recorded in the Court minutes at the foot of page 201. Stow in his Chronicles gives the date as the second of July, and describes the scene as follows:—"The Citizens of London had a muster afore the Queenes Maiestie at Greenwich in the Parke, of fourtene hundred men, whereof eyght hundred were Pikemen, all in fine Corselets, foure hundred Haquebuts in shirtes of mayle with morians, and two hundred Halberters in almanriuets, which were furnished and set forth by the companyes of the Citie of London: they had to euery hundred two wiffelers, richly apparelled, and twelue wardens of the best companyes riding in coates of blacke Veluet to conduct them with drommes and fifes, and sixe Ensignes, all in Jerkins of white Bridges

[Bruges] Satten, cutte and lined with blacke Sarsenet, with cappes, hosen, and skarfes according: the Captaynes Robert Constable, and Mayster Saunders, brought them in battayle ray afore the Queene, euen as they should haue fought, which made a goodly shewe before hir Maiestie, the Emperoures and French Kings Embassadours being present."

Item pd for the payntinge of the olde plo^r wyndowes and for ij newe pece payntinge for the new plo^r xls.

Item pd to the beadle for gathering of the mony w^{ch} was geven of certayn of the company towards them that went to muster xij d

Item pd for a dog of Iron for the Chimney in the plo^r weinge lji at ij d. ob a ff xs. vij d.

Item pd to ffranke the Glassyer for takinge downe and seting of all the glasse as maye apeare by his bill on the East side of the hall xxjs. viij d.



FROM THE CHARTER, 20 NOVEMBER, 2 ELIZABETH, 1559.



CHAPTER V.

Reign of Elizabeth.

WITH the commencement of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the Pewterers' Company lost one of their most prominent members, Alderman Sir Thomas Curtis. Of this worthy alderman, whose leading position in the Corporation must have made him a valuable friend to the Company, a full biographical notice is given in a later chapter.

1559-60. **M^d** [12th January] that m^r stukeley dyd geue to the company for a Recreasion for beinge at the buryall of m^r Alderman Curtis who depted on monday at night beinge the xxvij daye of novemb^r and was buried the vij daye of decem^br Being Wedinsdaye 1559 xls. whiche was agreed y^t Withm Curtis sholde haue in ptie of payment of the mony the Crafte owith hym.

The Bodye of the said m^r alderman Curtis lyeth Buried in the Church of Saynt Deonis on the left hand where the highe Aulter stonde on whose soule and all Christen Soules Jhus haue mercy amen.

At the same Courte John Smythe Sometye aprentice wth Geffery Mathewe was comytted to warde by the m^r wardens and assystaunce for that he had promysed to serve a certayne tyme wth John Cutler as maye appeare the last yeare and after his promys wthin ij dayes after went to maydstone and wrought there wth a Tynkerd and made hym mowlds And beinge Suspected to come and Entice mens fvaunte and prentice to be obstynate agaynst there maisters as before tyme he hath donne.

ffurther the xix daye of January 1559 the saide Smyth was Commytted to Brydewell for his obstenacy for that he wolde not submyt hym self But Rather worsse when he cam owt of the Counter then he was when he went in. The saide John Smyth was Released owt of Brydewell the xxiiij daye of January and dyd submyt hymself and desired the company of fforgeuenes kneling vpon his knees in the psens of the m^r and wardens and assystaunce and parte of the clothinge and yemandry howsholders and Jorneyemen never to offende agayne and if he doo to be Banyshed the company for ever.

The same daye [31 January] m^r Thomas stukeley Esquyer was taken in to be one of the Company and was sworne to be a trewe Pewterer according to the order And the same daye he was made ffree of the Pewterers at the Guilde Hall by the Chamberlayne in the Presence of the m^r m^r Wylm Hustwayte John Gerye warden John daye Edwarde Cacher Wylm Haynes and wylm Mitte.

Besides the above minute, the following entry is in the Audit Book at the end of the account for 1558-9.

M^r Thomas Stuckley esquyer was made ffree in the tyme of m^r Wylm Hustwayte, m^r of the mistery of Pewterers, Water makyns and John Gery Wardens the daye and yeare as maye apeare as folowith.

Be it Remembred that the last daye of January in the yeare of o^r Lorde god a thowsand ffyve houndreth fyfye and Nyne, and in the Second yeare of the Raigne of o^r Soveraigne Lady Elyzabeth By the grace of god Quene of England ffraunce and Ireland. defendo^r of the faythe &c. Yt was condissendend and agreed and [at] a Courte holden the same daye by the m^r Wardens and assystaunce of the ffellowship of Pewterers yt was consented and concluded that m^r Thomas Stucley Esquyer shoulde be taken in as a brother of the saide ffellowship and thervpon the same day was made ffree of the same ffellowship at the Guyldhall, And for that the saide companye bare suche good will vnto the saide m^r Thomas stucley and Anne his wif, they the saide m^r Thomas stucley and Anne his wif dyd ffreely geve of theyre owne meare gifte vnto the saide Company, one certayne Indenture of Lease of twoo Tenement^e Set lyng^e and beinge in the pishe of Saynt Deonis

Backchurch in London in the streate called ffanchurch streate in Langborne Warde w^{ch} saide twoo Ten^{te} were lately graunted by the same Indenture of Lease, with the assent of one m^r Thomas Vrswicke late m^r of the saide ffellowship of Pewterers John Sherwyn and John daye then wardens, wth the consent of the Bodye of the saide felowship to the late worshipfull S^r Thomas Curtis knight and alderman of London decessed as by the same case more playnly apeareth Which saide lease the saide m^r Thomas Stucley And Anne his wif wth one assent consent will and agrement by theire deade bearing date the xvth daye of marche next ensuyng the date herof, dyd ffreely geve as aforesaide to the sayde company for none other entent and purpose But only of there good will and as theyre owne prop gifte for the lyke good will that they beare to the saide felowship.

Mr. Thomas Stukeley, of whom some biographical particulars are given in a later chapter, married Alderman Curtis's grand-daughter Anne, the daughter of his only son Thomas who predeceased him.

M^r Water Makyns dyed the same daye [8th March] beinge fryday on whose Soule god haue mercy And the monday after there was a dynner kept at the hall of his gifte being xls. And the same monday there was Elec^{con} for a newe Warden and yt fell owt soo that m^r Crostwayte had the most Pricke as afterwarde more playnly apeareth.

A^t the same Courte [18th March] John Jackson complayned agaynst John Powell for that he solde hym aprentice for xxli of mettall and the same aprentice dwellith nowe wth a Hossyer.

A^t a Courte then [1st April] holden by the m^r wardens and the assystaunce yt was agreed that Thomas Curtis sholde be lycensed to set vp and open Shop.

A^t the same Courte yt was agreed that John Bowntinge sholde paye in the name of a ffyne for Selling of certayne pec^e of vessell doble turned fylyted for vij d. ob the pound to the olde duches of Suffolke at easter last past that is to saye vj great Platters doble ffyllyted and v ff mydell platers doble fillitted iij s. iiij d. wherof the beadle had for his paynes iij s. So rest clere to the crafte iij s.

The xth daye of Apriell. The names of the xx men and ij wiflers w^{ch} brought in the Quenes matē withe the same daye by the Comaundem^t of my lord Mayo^r who had xij d. apece.

The list consists of 4 Gonners, 6 Bowmen, 10 Pickemen [pikemen], the two Wardens of the Yeomanry who served as Whifflers, George Baskertone sword player, and William Thomas an attendant.

M^d that the same daye [4th May] Geffery Mathewe wolde be at his owne lybertie for the workmanship of hollowwares and the Morrowe after he was contentid to worke for ix s. a C taverne pottē for x s. the C stopes and for xj s. the C new fasshon &c vntill farther order was taken.

The xxv daye of Maye the Names of the ffyve men that was set forthe for Soldyars in the Quenes ships and delyuered to f Thomas Woodowce knight theire Capetayne vpon Tower hill by Comaundem^t of the lord mayo^r in the quenes name by presept.

These troops were required to repel the French invasion of Scotland. A force of nine hundred soldiers was demanded of the City in April, 1560, two hundred and fifty seamen in May, and two hundred more soldiers in June. These were furnished by the Livery Companies by allotment, in accordance with their respective ability and standing.

M^d m^r Richard champyon alderman dyd paye vnto the Company [28th May] for the Enterest of L li lent to Quene Marye the S^m of v li xj s. vj d. and yt was agreed by the hole company that lent the same that yt sholde be ffreely gevyn to the hall to bryng them owt of debt.

This was the Company's quota of a loan of 20,000*l.* raised by Queen Mary in March, 1558, eight months before her death. Interest was guaranteed at twelve per cent., and the Crown lands were pledged as security for repayment. Each member of the Company was assessed to contribute to the loan, and was therefore entitled to share in the distribution of the first year's interest. They, however, unanimously decided to give the interest to the Company, which was at this time in debt. The method of assessment occasionally gave rise to discontent, as in 1554. On the 14th July in that year (*see* p. 177) it was ordered that "who so ever speakyth any more of the seasyng" should be fined 20*s.*

At the same Courte [19th June] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens & assystaunce and the most part of all the whole ffellowship as well of the yemandry as of the Clothing, that no pson doo ffrom hensforth in his shop or in any other place eyther in selling or Chepnyng of his ware do saye that his ware is better then any others of the company by a j d. o^b or q^a in a pound more or les he shall forfayte and paye for a ffyne if it maye be Justly & duely provid xx s. to the boxe wthowt ffavor.

This regulation, though doubtless found necessary, merely reinforces a long established rule of the Company. A high standard of trade honesty was set up and strictly maintained, no favour being shown to any of the brethren, however high his position in the Guild.

At the same Court yt was agreed that if any of the yemandrye do from hensforth slack them selfe to wayt vpon the m^r and wardens of the yemandry eyther to offeringe or buryalle or any other tyme when they shalbe warned by any of them or the beadle in theyre name they shall forfayte and paye for every tyme offending vj d. wthowt any favo^r and that yt shalbe leafull for the beadle for the none payment of the said vj d. to take a dystres from the howse of the offender and to bryng to the Pewterers hall and then to be ordered by the m^r and wardens of the clothinge Provyded alwayes that if any pson be owt of towne or elle being Sicke vpon good profe yt shalbe a lawfull Scuse Or elle all excusus to be layd apart Also yt is agreed that the yemandry shall come in clenly apell and wthowt theyre aprons And shall not vse to playe at any vnlawfull games in the hall as at shove grote or any such lyke vpon payne to forfayte and paye for every tyme offending xij d.

The Yeomanry had doubtless one or more apartments in Pewterers' Hall set aside for their own use, and here some supervision over the rough recreations of the journeymen became necessary. The "unlawfulness" of shove-groat and other games was probably owing to their gambling character.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the m^r and Wardens of the ffellowship and their Successours sholde ffrom hensforth kepe their

four quarter dynners in the Hall belonging to the said fellowship and that all the whole clothing shoulde paye for theire dynner at every of the quarter dynners vj d. a pece.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that no Journeyman fving by the yeare shall departe ffrom the fvice of his m^r without he geve his maister half a yeares warnyng And he that dothe serve but for half a yere shall not departe wthowt a quarter of a yere warnyng and he that fwith by the weke shall not departe wthowt a weke warnyng And who so ever do offend in this article shall forfayt and pay for a fyne xx s. And that if any pson of the felowship do Happen to set aworke any suche Journeyman as shall departe contrary to this article before he do pftytly know that he is clere from his m^r he cam from, he shall paye lykewise in the name of a ffyne xx s.

The byll of Seasement for lli lent for wheate. M^r Thomas Stewkely was seased at iij li & he wold pay none. [The list contains 59 entries.] S^m toth L^{li} Receyued of m^r Chamberlayne the xxv daye of decem^{br} in ptie of payment of the said S^m of L^{li} the s^m of xij li xs. [9th July.]

At the same Courte [3rd August] yt was agreed for all manner of matters & varyaunce depending betwene Thom^s Curtis and Thomas Hassill for fving straungers of ware and other matters The said Thomas Curtis shall byd Withm Curtis and his wif and thomas Hassill and his wif to a supper home to his howse and there to be mery to gethers and so to be lovers and ffrende from hensforthe, and that the said supper shalbe betwene this and bartylmewtyd next comyng Or elle the said Thomas Curtis shall paye in the name of ffyne to the craft^e boxe in monye xx s.

At the same Courte [18th September] yt was agreed that if any pson that doth vse to goo to marky^te or ffayres wth any wares he shall sell for no les then for a ob in a pound more then y^e pryce doth goo at London, vnles that there be in the same markyt or ffayre any Countreemen that sellith for lyke pryce as is at london vpon payne to fforfayt for a ffyne ffor every tyme being duely provid xx s.

At the same Courte Robert Somers paid for a ffyne for the lyke offence and for bying tynne wthowt Cloffe v s.

The term "cluff" is used in the trade at the present day to denote rough or scrap metal.

Also it was agreed [6th December] that the said Thomas wolshere shall paye in the name of fyne for his approbrious word_e toward_e the same [Richard] Scot saying he played the Scot_e part and had a Scott_e hart xvj d.

Richard Scot, the other party to this quarrel, was fined 10s. for calling Wilshire "begerly knave."

An order [16th December] for the new Eleccion of the m^r and wardens that is to saye the m^r shall have his ij Prick_e at his lybertie and if it happen to be prick for Prick the m^r shall Call the assystaunce agayne for the same officer and then vpone the voyce of the most parte of the assystaunce the same psonne to beare the offyce.

Wittm Readman	Thomas allyn	Wittm Baker
Thomas Elyot	John Gerye	Nicholas crostwayt
Wittm Loughton	Wittm Curtis	m ^r Rowlandson
John mathewe	Wittm Myll _e	Edward Reo

An order for the new Eleccōn of the m^r and wardens that is to saye the m^r shall haue his ij Prick_e at his lybertye and if yt happen to be prick for Prick looke who is the elderman shall have the office.

Richarde Selby	Thomas whitbe	Wittm hustwayte
Robert chawnor	John Royston	Richard walling ^r
Stephin Calye	Edward Cacher	Thomas Hassill
Lawrence ashlyn	Wittm Haynes	Richard Scot
Allyn gardener	m ^r daye	
Nicholas turner	m ^r woodowce	

At the same Court it was agreed that all those psones wch haue bynne m^r and wardens shalbe of the assystaunce and set in Court_e for all manner of matters debating in the Pewterers Hall wth the m^r and wardens.

This was an important step in the constitution of a permanent Court of Assistants, which in later times became the chief ruling power, at the expense of the authority of the Master and Wardens on the one hand, and that of the Livery on the other.

At the same Court yt was agreed that who so ever be m^r this yeare shall not be maister the next yeare that is to saye no man shalbe m^r ij yeares to gether.

At a Court [20 December] then holden the Lorde mayo^r S^r withm chester sent to the hall a proclamacōn for the wearing of aparell emonge the Company. Wherefore yt was agreed that theise psonnes folowing shoulde haue the oversight rule and goverment of the company for the observing of the said pclamacion according to the Teno^r of the same.

John Gerye

Withm Readman

John Bowlting

Thomas allyn

Anthony smythe

John Robson

At the same Court there was deputies chosen for the m^r and wardens to supply theire Roomes [places] at all tymes when the m^r and wardens was absent aswell to make answeare to the Lorde mayo^r as also in other matters within the hall that is to saye

ffor the m^r m^r Cacher

ffor the vpp^r warden m^r baker

ffor the vnderwarden m^r Rowlandson.

At the same Court [23rd December] m^r Crostwayte asked alowaunce of iiij^{li} xvij s. iij d. w^{ch} was lost in the fall of the mony So the hole assystaunce graunted hym to haue the occupying of the mony w^{ch} Remayned vpon his said accompt vntill mighelmas next comyng to bring in the hole S^m for the same.

Item in markinge Irons of the armes of the Crafte lying in the Red chest iiij. (Book of Inventories, 3, 31a.)

Item Rs for xiiij wedings and dynners kepte in o^r Hall this yeare xlvs. iiij d.

Item pd to xxx pore men and women in the same pishe [St. Mary Abchurch] in Almas ijs. vj d. and to o^r beadle iiij d. S^m . ijs. x d.

This is the form which the simple religious service at Mr. Ashlyn's obsequies now assumes in the Audit Book.

Item pd to mr Lutley one of the Chauncery for Renuynge of o^r Corporacōn as maye apere by a bill of pticulers therof . viij^{li} xv s. iiij d.

Item pd for the Coppie of a wryt called acowaranto [Quo warranto] to compell us to Renue o^r Corporacōn ijs. vj d.

These entries throw light upon the way in which the Companies obtained, or rather were forced to procure a renewal of their charters at the beginning of a new reign. Queen Elizabeth's charter of inspeximus, which added nothing to the existing privileges and regulations of the Company but was only confirmatory, was granted on the 20th November, 1559, in the second year of her reign. The initial letter E of this charter, containing the portrait of the Queen, is reproduced on page 206.

Item pd for the Copie of a tre of ministracon w^{ch} mr stukeley toke owt for
mr Alderman Curtis xij d.

Item pd to mr Stukely for ij payre of greate Melting bellows for the
Hall v s.

Item pd for the Change of iij dosin Sawcers pōz xvj lb. [poids, *i.e.* weight]
xvj d.

Item pd for bringing vp of a hogshed to the hall to make ij watering
tubbes and for cutting of the same hogshed, and hoping [hooping]
of a greate ffat [vat] vj d.

The Charges of the xx men made owt by the Lorde Mayo^rs com-
maundement the xth daye of apryell 1560 and to geue attend^aunce to
ffetche in the Quenes ma^{ty} withe to westm

Item pd vnto George Baskertone sword player xij d.

This was for the men's entertainment after breakfast.

Item pd the same daye for their brekefast for a salt ffyshe and a half xvj d.

Item pd for ij ffi of butter x d.

Item pd for ij Cheynes of Salmond viij d.

Item pd for ij white staves for the wiflers iij d.

Item pd for iij swords and iij daggers xiiij s. vj d.

There are in all twenty entries, and the total cost of their repast
and outfit amounts to lvij s. x d. ob.

Charge of v men set forthe at the Crafts charge the xxv daye of
Maye for Soldyers to the Quenes ma^{te} [Majesty's] shippes as may
apeare in the Boke of ffaute

Item pd for laces to hang the gonne powder boxis abowt their necks vj d.

Item pd for v Red scotish Cappes v s. viij d.

Item pd for their Prest pence v d.

Item pd to iiij of them for conduct mony iiij s.

Item pd for theire meate and drynk for ij dayes to kepe them to gether
ij s. iiij d. oß.

There are 19 entries, and the expenditure was lvij s. iiij d. oß.

The Company was further required on 7th July, 1560, to furnish two men to serve in Scotland, and paid 13*d.* to "dyverse of the yemandry" for prest pence to keep themselves in readiness for such service.

Item more I aske alowaunce owt of xxvj s. viij d. wch I do charge myself in the Receipt for the buryall of m^r allyn for that was spent at a dynner at the Castle in newe ffyshstreat when Sr Thomas Curtis was buried vj s. viij d.

One of the obligations of Guild membership from the earliest times was to attend the funeral of deceased brethren, absence without legitimate excuse being punished by fine. The simple refreshments served on these occasions, at the obsequies, in later times took the form of elaborate funeral feasts, payments for which, generally accompanied by gifts to the poor, were frequently provided by wealthy persons in their wills. The feast at the funeral of Sir Thomas Curtis having cost more than the sum of 40*s.* furnished by Mr. Stukeley, his executor, the Wardens provided the difference by curtailing the funeral feast of Mrs. Allen to the extent of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Nicholas Crosthwaite, the outgoing warden-accountant, was allowed twelve months (till the following Michaelmas) to pay the balance of 6*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* remaining in his hands.

Whiche tyme of the said payment was grauntid hym for that he sholde beare the fall of the said vj li vj s. vij d. being in his hands at the daye of the proclymacōn being the xxvij of Septemb^r 1560 which dyd amount vnto after the rate of v s. and xij s. the pounce to an uncertayne S^m.

M^d that this accompt was awdyt the xxij daye of Decemb^r in Anno Dñi 1560 and in the therd yere of the Raigne of o^r Sovereigne lady Quene Elyzabethe, by us Willelm Baker, Willelm Mills, Nicholas Turn^r And Richard Scot. So that we fynde by the neclygence of m^r Hustwayte, Nicholas Crostwayte and John Gery warden theise pcells folowing.

In p^rmis the whole Receipts to lytle cast by xij d.

Item where it is acustome that every weding that is kept in the hall ought to paye iij s. iiij d. we fynd to lytle by xvj d.

The above sums were paid into the next account. Then follow five quarterage payments, and the Audit concludes as follows :—

Item we fynd that they aske more fyer more y^{en} ordinary xs.

1560-1. **At** the same Court [18th January] m^r Crostwayte made Ernest Sute [earnest suit] and laboure to Chaunge his Coppye to the Vynteners Whervpon yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce in manner & forme folowing that is to saye the saide m^r Crostwayte shall forthwith paye vnto the craftē boxe for the good wille of the Company for his depture Eight poundē of good and lawfull mony of England And shall paye or provide to be paid wthin xx dayes after his dicesse other viij poundē and for the sure paym^t therof shall make an obligacōn to the Company And ffarther the said m^r crostwayte shall quyt geve over the occupying of pewterers crafte before the ffeaste of Saynt John Baptist next comyng Provided always that the same m^r Crostwayt shalbe a brother of the said Company and be Contrybutor to all manner of chargē in the saide Company of pewterers as a brother and ffremān of the said company should or ought to doo during his naturall lyf to the which said agrementē the said m^r Crostwayte hath set his hand and haue paid the ffirst Eight poundē as is aforesaid in the p^sence of theise psonnes folowing

By me Nicholas crostwayt.

Here follow the names of the Master, Wardens, and seven of the Court of Assistants.

At the same Court it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce and the most part of all the whole company that foure honest men of the Company shall haue the bying of all suche bargaynes of tynne as hereafter shalbe by any manner of meanes come to any of the company by Brokership or any other shiftē the ptie shall send the broker or other ptie to one of the said foure and they by theire good advise shall make bargayne for the same in the name of the whole Company and that the same tynne so by them bargayned shalbe brought to the hall to thentent that every man that will haue any therof shall haue suche porcion as shalbe thought by the m^r wardens

and assistaunce Provided alwayes that none of the said iiij men shall do no manner of act or acte that shalbe preiudiciall to the said bargaynes or otherwise for their owne lucer or gayne shall take the bargayne into their owne hande vpon payne of fforfayture of tenne pounde for every suche offens And also it is agreed that if any suche tynne shall happen to be bought by the iiij men in mannⁿ aforesaid that no pson of the said Company shall bye no pece of tynne but of the same tynne so bought vntill that be all gone vpon forfayture of xls for every pece so bought.

Theise iiij men be apoynted as folowth

m^r Warden Reo

m^r Lawrens Ashlyn

Thomas Elyot

Thomas Burton

They to haue emonge them vpon every pece of tynne so by them bought as is aforesaid for their paynestaking in that behalfe iiij d. [Rough Minutes 21.]

¶ precept sent [1st April] by S^r willelm chester knight Lord mayo^r of London for the lone of ffiftie pounde to the chambrlayn for to by whete 1561.

¶ The byll of Seasment for the same w^{ch} was apoynted that m^r haynes and m^r Reo wardens m^r Royston and m^r curtis shoulde be Seasours for the Clothing and Robert Tymne and Symond hawclif for the yemandry. Collectours to gather the same Lawrence ashlyn and Willelm Readmā Bonyfface ffoster and Thomas Curtis.

m ^r daye . . .	xxiij s. iiij d.	Richard Scot . . .	xl s.
m ^r haynes . . .	x s.	Thomas allyn . . .	xl s.
m ^r Reo . . .	xx s.	Thomas hassill . . .	xl s.
m ^r hustwayt . . .	xl s.	allyn gardener . . .	xxvj s. viij d.
m ^r Cacher . . .	xl s.	John mathewe . . .	xxij s. iiij d.
m ^r Roystone . . .	xxvj s. viij d.	Laurence ashlyn . . .	xxvj s. viij d.
m ^r Crostwayt . . .	xx s.	m ^r nogaye . . .	xx s.
m ^r Rowlandson . . .	x s.	Thomas Elyot . . .	xl s.
m ^r Woodowce . . .	x s.	willelm Lowton . . .	xxx s.
m ^r Baker . . .	v s.	Robert chawner . . .	xx s.
m ^r Mille . . .	xl s.	Stephin Calie . . .	xx s.
Willelm Curtis . . .	xl s.	Willelm Readman . . .	xxx s.
John Gerye . . .	xxvj s. viij d.	Richard wallenger . . .	x s.
Nicholas Turn ⁿ . . .	x s.	Richard Selbye . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.
Thomas Whitbee . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.	Sm ⁿ xxxv li. v s.	

The yemandry.

Robert Cropwell . . .	xx s.	Symond hawclif . . .	x s.
Richard mannyng. . .	x s.	John Jackson . . .	x s.
John Sherwyn . . .	vj s. viij d.	Roger palmer . . .	vj s. viij d.
Richard wiffmson . . .	vj s. viij d.	John holstock . . .	v s.
John bowlting . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.	Richard harrisson . . .	v s.
Anthony Smyth . . .	xx s.	Robert newes . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.
Thomas burton . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.	Wiffm meare . . .	x s.
Thomas Curtis . . .	x s.	Hugh wadelow . . .	x s.
Thomas Nicott ^e . . .	xx s.	Richard Sares . . .	v s.
Roger ffarthing . . .	xx s.	Robert somers . . .	vj s. viij d.
John Barker . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.	Robert wilkynson . . .	v s.
Thomas woodowce . . .	vj s. viij d.	pcyvall glasker . . .	v s.
Stephin Barrowe . . .	v s.	Wiffm Glover . . .	v s.
Allyn Dawson . . .	v s.	Roger Isaack . . .	v s.
Raphe mullyners . . .	xiiij s. iiij d.	Wiffm hartlif . . .	v s.
Bonyface ffoster . . .	vj s. viij d.	Richard tompson . . .	vj s. viij d.
S ^m . . .		xv li. iiij s. iiij d.	

At the same Court [9th May] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that where there was certayn varyaunce betwene Robert wilkynson and Thomas Empson his Comnaunt fvaunt Yt was agreed as folowth that is to saye the saide Thomas shall serve his maister all such fvis which he ought to serue by his Comnaunt and after his saide terme he shall serue one Sevensnight more for the tyme he hath bynne absent. Also the same Thomas shall lye within his m^{rs} howse and be there every night by ix of the Clock at the farthest And if the saide Thomas do absent hymself hereafter he shall serve doble as moche as he dothe absent hymself and farther pay suche fyne as the m^r and wardens shall adwarde.

At the same Courte yt was agreed that the saide Robert wilkynson shoulde pay in the name of a fyne for Provoking the same Thomas to serue before he was clere from his former m^r ij s.

And the same Court yt was agreed that the saide Robert wilkynson shoulde set the said Thomas Empson ffast by the heeles if he absent hymself.

An order
about the
Masters
casting
voice.

Decimo nono die Julii 1561 Whereas at this present there is greate varyence stryf and Controversie depending Emonge the maister wardens and assystaunce of the Company of Pewterers for the Eleccon of the m^r and wardens of the saide Company as apeareth by Complaynt lately made by the saide Company and assystaunte of the same, for the appeasing of all which varyence stryfe and Controversies as haue heretofore growne or hereafter maye growe Emonge them, And to thentent to haue vnytie and quyetnes ever ffrom hensforth betwixt them and m^r and wardens and company to be Contynued, I S^r Willelm Chester knight Lorde mayo^r of the Citie of London vpon good Consideracon and deliberacon there vpon doo order determyne and finally decree in the same matter as hereafter Enssueth first that the m^r of the saide Company shalbe the first that shall prick at the Eleccon of the maister and wardens and shall haue but one Prick as others haue Onles yt be in matter of doubt as prick for prick vpon an Equalytie Then the sayde m^r to haue one Prick more w^{ch} makith twayne and to be at his lybertie to set his last prick vpon which it shall please hym for the advoying of Controversie And putting owt of doubt the same Eleccon And if it fortune that there be one prick more of the one partye then of the other then the Eleccon to be cleare of ytsel. And in such case the m^r shall haue no moo Pricke then other haue lest he should set his last Prick with the first, And so make evyn Prick for prick so many for as many and then take vpon hym to make officer whome he pleasith without the Consent of the assystaunce or moost part of them which wolde make greate Confucyon in the Eleccon and disquyetnes in the Company And also that those psonnes whiche receyue the Eleccon shall forthwth declare and Present the same vnto the m^r wardens and assystaunte setting at the Bourde that yt may be knowne vnto them all the names of those that shalbe maister and wardens for the yeare Ensuing And ffurther when any Courte shalbe holden at the Common hall of the saide Company that the m^r and wardens shall Cause the whole assystaunte to be warned, and that the saide m^r and wardens of themselfe shall not passe any matter touching or concernyng the Estate of the sayde Company Onles there be viijth of thassystent^e present at the leaste which assystent^e to be suche as haue

All the
Assistants to
be sumoned
to Court &
nothing to
be done un-
less 8 Ass^{ts}
present y^r
have been
Ma^r or
W^{dns}.

The Ma^r &
Wdms to be
sworn be-
fore y^e Court
of Ass^s.

byn m^r or Wardens of the Company according too the Aunsient custome heretofore vsed And ffynally that at the Entering of the newe m^r and Wardens that they shalbe sworne in the hall Before the assystent^e therof as other worshipfull Companyes doo vse

m^r cacher m^r
m^r Woodowce
p me wyllm Curttys
p me John gery
Witlm mill^e warden

By me Witlm Chester mayo^r
nycholas turnare wardene
p me W^m baker
p me edward Reoo
by me steuen Rowlandson
[Jury Book.]

A debate
ariseing
upon y^e
above Order
how many
should be a
Court Ther
fore tis set-
tled y^e 6
besides y^e
ma^r & wdms
shall be a
Court.

The ixth daye of August anno 1562 [1561] At a Court then holden the assystaunce being assembled to gether wⁱⁿ o^r hall emonge other Comunica^on toke in hande to plede vppon the therde article of the decree aforesaide touching the article for the passinge of any matter concerning the state of the Company w^{out} viij psonnes of the assystaunce beside the m^r & wardens Yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that Edward Reo warden, m^r John Roystone and John Gerie shoulde goo agayne to the lorde mayo^r to knowe his trewe meaning therof for that it was taken emonge the assystaunce that except viij psonnes besides the m^r and wardens shoulde holde Courte the Court shoulde be voyde. And so they went to the Lorde mayo^r and he saide his meaninge was that there shoulde be viij psonnes besides the m^r and wardens But not w^{standing} he decreed that if it shoulde soe happen that there was not viij of the assystaunce besides the m^r and wardens at the Courte being lawfully warned that Sixe of the assystaunce besides the m^r & wardens shoulde passe the matter aswell as if there were viij of the assystaunce besides the m^r and wardens and more

by me John Royston p me John gery p me edwarde Reo. [Jury Book.]

Ⓐ Remembraunce [30th August, 1561] that the m^r and wardens do the next Courte daye make mocyon that anordenaunce maye be made that no pson at any tyme do set any ware or make shewe any farther then vpon his owne stall or ground although yt be at fayre tyme. [Rough Minutes 21.]

This is another instance of the strict practice of the Company in permitting no member of the trade to get an unfair advantage over another in the sale or display of his goods.

The old
Master to
swear y^e
new Master
& Wardens.

Anno dñi. 1561, xxj^{ti} die octobr. Yt was ordayned and decreed the day and yeare abouesaide by the right honorable S^r withm Chester knight lorde mayor of the Citie of london that Edwarde Cacher then beinge Maister of the mistery shall at the geuyng v^p of his accompt for the yere past before the assistaunce of the sayde Company in their hall called the pewterers hall doo to be sworne the newe Elect named to be maister and wardens of the Pewterers for the yeare next ensuinge, and the saide Edward shall geue them their Othe. And so yerely from tyme to tyme the olde maister to geue the newe maister and wardens their othe accordinge to the good and laudable custome of other worshipfull companies in london. Which saide orden^ance by Comaundement of the saide lorde mayo^r was regestered and writen in this booke for better remembraunce to be obserued. [Jury Book.]

At the same Court [7th November] Withm Lowton Complayned agaynst Allyn Gardener for that he fved [served] the sadlers Hall of Rowe [rough] vessell and the said Sadlers did owe vnto the saide lowton certayn mony for the hyer of vessell. Wherefore it was ordered and agreed that neyther the saide Allyn Gardener nor any other of the Company shall not serve the saide Company from hensforth any Roughe vessell vntill suche tyme the saide Lowton be first paide his moony.

Whilst the Company strictly enforced their regulations for securing honest dealing by its members both with each other and with the public, they showed themselves equally zealous in defending the rights of individual members. The measures they adopted against the Saddlers' Company for an alleged breach of contract proved no doubt effectual.

At the same Court yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that ffrom hensforthe no Jornyman shall goo to any offeringe but duely to wayt vppon their m^r vppon the Sondayes and hallydaies vntill Even-song be donne, and then vppon lycens to goo where honestie shall require as to shooting and suche lyke.

This minute and that of the 9th May above (page 219), give a curious picture of the domestic relations existing between the employers and their workmen. It appears that not only the apprentice, but the non-householder journeyman also were kept in the strictest discipline. Each lived in his master's house and had to accompany him and his family to church on Sunday and holydays, both in the morning and afternoon. He was not to absent himself on the plea of attending "offerings," but was free to amuse himself as he pleased during the after part of the day. Finsbury and Islington fields for archery, and the Thames, with its aquatic sports, were the favourite resorts for recreation. This policy was more generally enforced some fifty years later by the "Book of Sports," as James I's "Declaration" of 1618 is usually called. It permitted the use of lawful sports on Sunday after church time, but to those only who had attended Divine Service. Among the *lawful* sports were dancing, leaping, archery, and setting-up maypoles; whilst bear-baiting, bowling, and interludes were declared *unlawful*. The "Book of Sports" was publicly burnt under the Commonwealth on 10th May, 1643.

At the same Court [10th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and the hole Clothing that Browne the Clarck shoulde haue an offering yerely at Christmas of all the howsholders that is to saye of the Clothing ij d. apece or more at their pleasuers . and of the yemandry j d. apece and more at their will and pleasuer. So that none of the clothing geue vnder ij d. and the yemandry not vnder j d.

At the same Court it was also agreed that ffraunce Barnard shoulde be the Cooke and serue the Company aswell the Clothing as the yemandry and not to be put owt so long as he vseth hymself lyke an honest man and will serue as good chepe as another man . And the same ffraunce promysed that he wolde serue the company all their quarter dayes ffrank and ffree so that he maye haue the Benyfit in fving all the wedinge that may or shalbe kept in the Hall.

The Halls of the various Companies were found very useful for the more important social festivities, and contributed to increase the income of the Companies. The Pewterers paid their cook for his services by granting him a monopoly as caterer to wedding parties hiring the Hall.

In the list of payments of "Quarterage for the yemandrye" is this entry :

Item Rs' of John Bushe [no amount] forgevyn bycause he sarvythe at y^e ffeast day.

Bush was the Carver, and in recompense for his services, the office being no sinecure, was exempted from paying his Quarterage of 12*d*.

Item lent vnto browne [the Clerk] upon his bill at the comaundement of the assystaunce when his wif was brought a bed xx s.

Item we aske alowaunce towards the maisters ffeaste and as it was agreed by the whole Clothing at a Court holden the xixth daye of June 1561 liij s. iiij d.

This was for the Election dinner on the feast of the Assumption, 15th August; the amount previously allowed was 26*s*. 8*d*.

1561-2. **At** a Court holden the same daye [30th January] m^r nogayes mettall being afore pvsed [perused] and ouer sene by m^r Rowlandson, m^r Baker John Gerye Edwarde Reo and Geffery mathewe where they ffounde as ffolowth that is to saye the Best mettall worsse then ffyne by ij graynes the Second worsse by iiij graynes The therde worsse then ffyne by v graines and a half and Beareth in Peke after xij li the C as now it is and to make yt laye it will beare in peke but xxiiij $\frac{1}{2}$ li the C Wherfore it was ordered and agreed that the said Thomas nogaye shoulde content and paye vnto m^r Curtis for all suche mettall as was ffound ffawty in his hande fforthwth towarde his losse ix s. and they to be lovers and ffrende. And yt was also agreed that the same nogaye shoulde pay in the name of a ffyne to the Crafte boxe for the same mettall and others remaynyng in the Hall ij s. and so for this tyme to haue his mettall agayne and if he be taken wth the Lyke ffawt to paye the hole ffyne wthowt ffavo^r Beside the losse of all suche ffawty mettall.

At a Court holden the same daye [27th February] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the Beadle shoulde haue xij d. of every of the Company for his paynes taking if he were desired to warne the whole company either for offeringe Buriall^e and for other warninge

Except it be at the Comaundement of the m^r for the tyme being or the wardens for the Craftē busines, And also it is agreed that the Beadles wif shoulde haue yerely for wasshing the craftē napery vj s. viij d.

At the same Court [8th May] yt was agreed that the whole companye shoulde sell for ix d. and ix d. ob viij d. laye and no mony to be abated neither to chapmen nor others. [Rough Minutes 21.]

This order made a uniform selling price for "lay," or inferior, pewter compulsory upon the whole Company. The trade price, or price among themselves, being 8*d.* per lb., the retail price to the public must not exceed or be less than from 9*d.* to 9½*d.*

And that the xxviij^t daye of maye 1562 the Lorde Wiltm Howarde came to the Hall and went vp into the newe plo^r who there toke his othe as other pewterers haue done and kissed the Booke and ffrom thens went to the guilde Hall and was made ffree of ower Company the same daye.

The Company were proud of their new member, Lord William Howard, who was Lord Chamberlain. When he attended their feast (see 11th July below) an extra allowance was made to the Master and Wardens for the entertainment. Lord Howard died in January, 1572-3.

At the same Court [20th June] yt was agreed by the whole Company that ffrom this day forwarde none of the Company shall haue adoo with Nicholas Rodes neither to bye nor sell wth hym nor yet borowe nor lende by any manner of meanes nor to take hym as a Brother of the felowship and who so ever that shall offend to the Contrary hereof shall paye in the name of a ffyne Tenne poundē w^{thowt} any ffavo^r being duly provid. The same Rodes was disfranchesid for that he Contrary to his othe and lyke no trewe pewterer w^{ch} was never heretofore sene did in the sight of straungers myxed tynne and leade together, and made of good Tynne ffalse tynne to the great deceyuing of the Quens matē people as well in this Realme as other fforren parties to the great slaunder of all the pewterers in London.

At the same Court yt was also agreed by the whole clothing and Company that ffrom this daye fforwarde none of the Crafte should haue

adoo w Robert Somers neither to bye nor sell nor yet to borowe nor lende to hym by any manner of meanes not to take him agayne as a Brother vppon payne and fforfaytur of Tenne pounde . The causis wherfore he was disfranchesid was for theise cawses folowing

ffirst for going abowt lyke a hawker and prowling others mens bargaynes of the Company owt of their hande.

Itm for procuring awaye the customers from m^r daye who was his m^r.

Itm for keping a boye contrary to the orders of the howse and agaynst the maisters comaundement and for mocking the m^r when he sent for hym saing he had put hym awaye and kept hym still.

Itm for procuring awaye a shoppe from Browne o^r Clarck.

Itm for fforstawling of a Brother of the company John chester and taking a lease of the howse of the same chester ou^t his hed.

Itm for bying of olde mettall and selling it old as it was.

Itm for discrying the previties of the Company saying he wolde geue more for olde mettall by o^b in a pound for that yt was all Redy tempored w^t tynne glasse.

The last offence in regard to "old metal" is curious. It could not be bought or sold "as it was," but had to be melted down first. The tempering with "tynne glass" was evidently a trade secret.

At a Court holden the same daye [11th July] yt was agreed by the whole Clothing that the m^r and wardens shoulde haue allowed Towarde their ffestivall dynner over and aboue that w^{ch} was graunted the last yeare owt of the Crafte Boxe the S^m of xxvj s. viij d. vppon Condicōn that if the Lorde Cheif Chaumbrlayne come to dynner or promis to come to dynn^r or that he send his geste . And if he come not nor send his geste then to haue no more alowaunce then was alowed the last yeare And so ffrom hensforth if the saide Lord chaumbrlayn come to dynner all other m^r and wardens for the tyme being to haue the Lyke allowaunce.

At the same Court it was agreed vppon Consideacōn of the Quenes ma^te going a progresse and that m^r warden mille was appoynted to be one to wayte vpon her grace the Principall dynn^r shoulde be kept the xxvij daye of this p^sent moneth of Julye next.

ffor the nether warden. This is the title given this year to the Junior Warden at the election on the 15th July.

They haue awarded [10th August] by the order of the howse that the same Nicholas Rodes shalbe Receyued agayne in to be Company vppon his Submyssion vppon Condicion that he bring in to the howse for his ffyne in monye vli at suche Conuenyent tyme as the m^r and wardens shall think mete And that there shalbe an order and note made of his Cryme and the same to be Reade every quarter daye and he to paye every qrter Contynually during his lyf to the Craftē Boxe for reading the same iiij d. The saide m^r and wardens agreed that the said Rodes shoulde paye the saide vli in manner & forme folowing that is to saye quarterly vntill yt be paid And it ffarther agreed that there shall be nothing Reade qrterly as is aforesaid So that the same Rodes doo quietlye pay his moonye and also his iiij d. to the Boxe quarterly.

At the same Courte [9th October] Robert Backhowse paide in the name of a ffyne for that there was founde in his howse v platters Sothered with paile Contrary to o^r ordenaunce xij d.

The xvijth daye of Nouem̄r 1562. **The** bill of Seasment for the Lone of the ffyftie pounds to by whet.

Sixty-two names follow with amounts varying from v s. to xl s. This loan was refunded to the Company and repaid by the Company to its members, as appears by the following note at the foot of the list.

Receyued of m^r Chambrlayne by the hande of m^r John whit aldermaⁿ the xth daye of Septem̄r 1563. pd to the company by the hande of Thomas Allyn warden in A^o 1564.

By his will, dated 1st December, 1562, Edward Catcher, citizen and Pewterer, left twenty shillings to be distributed annually among five poor freemen, and ten shillings to the Company towards their quarter-day dinner. The above sum was a rent-charge upon four tenements which the testator occupied in his lifetime in the parish of St. Peter the Poor in Broad Street. The operative clause is transcribed in the Book of Inventories (3, 187-8).

At a Court holden the same daye [3rd December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that ffrom hensforth the maister & wardens and their Successours shoulde haue towarde the quarter dynners to be kept in the Hall for ever allowaunce owt of the lande in ffanchurch streate yearely ffortie shillinge That is to saye Quarterly x s. And every one of the Company beinge of the Clothing that doth dyne at the same dynners to paye foure pence and not aboue.

At the same Courte [10th December] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and the whole Company vppon the Submyssion of Robert Somers and paying his fyne shoulde be taken in agayne to the Company vppon Condiçōn that he never doo any such acte as before he hath done but become a new man and not hereafter to stand to moch in his owne conceipt and if he bee found and taken w^t the lyke ffaute agayne he shalbe Banished the Company for ever, and never be Receyued agayne, And So it was agreed he shoulde paye xxx s. in mann^y and forme folowing that is to saye to the howse for his fyne xx s. and to Browne the Clarcke vj s. viij d. and to the Beadle ij s. iiij d. and so to haue his pawne agayne, to the w^{ch} order he hath set his hand

Robert Somers.

At the same Courte [18th December] it was agreed that where Raphe neues owith vnto Wilm Readman the S^m of ij li. iiij s. vj d. in mony and xxxvij li of ffyne mettall it is agreed that the same Raphe shoulde worke vnto the saide Readman wekely ij dosen of Earemasers to begyn the weke after xijth day ffrank and ffree after xvij d. the dof vntill the saide ij li. iiij s. vj d. be paid And for the mettall to paye it agayn when the mony is Ronne owt.

Earemasers were probably the small round shallow pans or porringers with two broad flat handles or "ears" extending from the rim on opposite sides. These handles often took the form of the Company's crest.

At the same Courte it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that harry fflick the mayors officer shoulde be ow^r Sargeaunt and serve ower Hall and Supplye the Roome of John Sandye.

The services of the Serjeant were required to accompany the Master and Wardens in their Searches at Fairs. It was also his duty to arrest offenders who were committed to prison, or summoned before the Lord Mayor.

The first three entries on the list of **Quarterage** for the clothing are :

Item R^s of the Right honorable lorde Wiltm Howarde.

Item R^s of m^r Thomas stewkley Esquier.

Item R^s of m^r Edwarde Cacher m^r Wiltm Mills and Nicholas Turner Wardens.

None of the above pay the usual 12*d.*; it was customary to relieve the Master and Wardens from this payment.

Item pd for Russhes and strawing yerbes the xxviiith daye of may that daye the lorde Chaumbrleyn Cam to the hall to be sworne and was made ffree of o^r Company vj d.

Item pd that daye for a pottell of Ipocresse ij s. iiij d.

Item pd the xiiijth day of July for the last xvth w^{ch} was graunted to Pawles vj s. viij d.

The steeple of the Cathedral was destroyed by lightning in 1561, the fire threatening the safety of the adjoining locality. The damage to St. Paul's was considerable, and occasioned a large outlay for repairs.

Item pd to the m^r, mr Cacher for a garnysh of vessell which was geven to the lorde Chaumbrlayn poz^d [*i.e.*, weight] lv tli di at ix*d.* the pounce xlj s. vij d. ob.

Item pd to Sandy the mayors officer for fetching m^r warden Curtis before my lord mayo^r xij d.

Charge of Twelue soldyers which was delyuered at the grocers Hall the xxth daye of Septem^r to serue the Quene at the charge off the Crafte 1562.

Item pd to xij men in Prest xij s.

Item pd for viij Corselets at xxvj s. vj d. the pece x li. xij s.

Item pd for Earnest of the same Harnes xij d.

Item pd for iij morres piks vj s. viij d.

Item pd for a pece of Blewcloth of xxij yards to make Soldiers Cloks v li.

Item pd more for v yards of blewe at iiij s. x d. y^e yard xxiiij s. ij d.

Item pd for ix yards of Red at xxj d. the yard xv s. ix d.

Item pd for iiij lether Jerkins xv s.

Item	pd for ij Red Cappes . . . . .	. ij s. iiij d.
Item	pd for mending of iiij Gonnes . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item	pd for making clene of vj payr of Harnesses . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item	pd for ij Jacks of Stile [? Steel] . . . . .	. . . . . viij s.
Item	pd for iiij Black morryans . . . . .	. . . . . x s. viij d.
Item	pd for ij fflaskes . . . . .	. . . . . ij s. ij d.
Item	pd for making of xij soldier Clokes . . . . .	. . . . . xvj s.
Item	pd for iiij dosin of poynts . . . . .	. . . . . viij d.
Item	pd for ij swords . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s. x d.
Item	pd for ij Harkabushes . . . . .	. . . . . xij s. vj d.
Item	pd for mending of the spring of one of the gons . . . . .	. . . . . vj d.
Item	pd for a pound and a half of gonne powder . . . . .	. . . . . xx d.
Item	pd for iiij daggers . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s. viij d.
Item	pd for six swerde gerdles . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item	pd for Bowstringe . . . . .	. . . . . ij d.
Item	pd for ij li of Candell . . . . .	. . . . . v d.
Item	pd for dressing of swords and daggers . . . . .	. . . . . ij s. vj d.
Item	pd for lynyng of viij moryans . . . . .	. . . . . iiij s.
Item	pd for oile for the Harnes . . . . .	. . . . . ij d.
Item	pd for cariag of the Corselets to the captayns howse and for Corde to bynd them together . . . . .	. . . . . v d.
Item	pd to the xij Soldyers for Conduct mony . . . . .	. . . . . xlvij s.

The above contingent, the Company's quota of 600 men demanded from the City by Elizabeth, were required for the war with France. The Queen had taken the side of the Huguenots, and had seized Havre as security for the surrender of Calais by the French.

Allowaunce this yeare.

Item	I aske alowance towards o ^r ffestyvall dyn ⁿ and for that we looked for the lorde chambrlayn . . . . .	. . . . . iiij li.
Item	more paid to the mr, mr Cacher for that he was thrise maister acording to the order . . . . .	. . . . . xls.

Item I aske allowaunce for xviiij frenche crownes w^{ch} was paide owt of the mony Receyued of mr Reo vppon the ffoote of his accompt at vjs iiij d. the pece and paide owt for vjs. the pece so there was iiij d. lost in every cron vjs.

Item more they ought to paye Back of the allowaunce of the prencipall dynner for that the lorde Chambrlayne camm not nor no provision made for his Coming the S^m of xxvjs. viij d.

The above is a note made by the auditors at the foot of this account.

Item R^e for ij Silver spones w^{ch} was geven by Wifm Bennet, vj Silver spones and ij masers and one Silver spone of the gifte of mighell duffelde weinge all xviiij oz and a half solde the xix of July 1563 to Wifm ffeke goldsmith at iiij s. viij d. p oz. iiij li. vjs. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

Item at Saynt katherins tyde Anno dni 1561 for ij dosen di of white Plates whereof one do^f is w^t doble Socket^e to hange abowt the hall vjs. ij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

Item pd for iij fframes of waynscot for the iij long tables in the hall and one fframe for the table in the greate parlo^r and for a back of waynscot there iiij li. xiiij s. iiij d. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

1562-3. **At** a Court holden the same daye [4th January] it was agreed by the whole Body of the Company that there shoulde Sute be made in the plyament, And for all suche Charge as shall happen to be spent in the Sute thereof shoulde be at the Charge of the howse. And it was ffarther agreed that theise men folowinge shoulde be Suters in the same.

The Clothing
Wifm Curtes warden
Richard Scot warden
[& 14 of the livery.]

The yemandrie
Willm Hartwell
[& 10 of the yeomanry.]

The duties of these "suitors" were probably to wait on the Speaker or attend before a Parliamentary Committee, and it is worthy of especial notice that the Yeomanry formed part, and almost an equal part, of the deputation,

At the same Courte Stephin Calie complayned agaynst Richarde Harrysson for xvlli of fyne mettall which after the price of vjd. the pounce is vijs. vjd. the same Harrysson hathe promysed to paye vnto the said Stephin every weke ij dosen of Spones w^t latten knobbes vntill the said mony were Ron owt.

ffynes of certayne of the Company [25th January] for that they cam not in their best Lyverie to M^r Cachers buriall.

A list of seven persons who were fined 12d. each.

The bill of Seasment for the lone of L pound to bye whete the xxv daye of Januarye 1562.

Then follow the names of 29 of the Clothing and 31 of the Yeomanry, with the sum contributed by each. At the foot is the following note:

This monye was Receyued the xxvth daye of ffebruary 1563 of m^r John whit then being lord mayo^r of london and paid too the Companye by m^r Allyn warden and so this is quit discharged.

It was agreed [26th February] by the whole howse that there shoulde be taken of the Cornishe me^o VC [500] pec^e of tyn after xli the C and to Receyue ij C at mydsomer coynage and at mighelmas Coynage. [Rough Minutes 21.]

At the same Court [19th March] Robert west complayned agaynst m^r hustwayte Saing he that he mysvsed and slaundered hym in the pallace of westmynster calling hym these ffalse knave and bad men look as they stood mark this man for he is a ffalse maker of measuer pott^e for where they shoulde be a quart he makith them a pynt and a half and goith abowt to deceyve you of yo^r drink Yt was agreed at both their Requeste to trie their matter before the Lorde mayo^r and the benche.

The Certificate [1st May] of the m^r and wardens to the Quenes maieste highe Seassours for the Citie of London 1563.

The said Company maye dispend in howses and small Ten^{te} by the yeare xvijli. xs. whereof is paide owt yearely in Quitrent^e and the other alowaunce owt of the same Rent^e v li. ijs. xd. So rest xijl. vij s. ij d.

Itm in Plate to the value of ix li.

And as for Juellē stockē of monie or mony in keping we haue none.

And that o^r Hall is indebted in dyverse Somes of monye vnto dyverse psones the S^m of ffortie pounds and more beseching yo^r worships to consider it.

An order
for y^e
yemandries
fest.

At the same Court [11th June] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that in Consideracōn of the great Excessyve price of victualle the greate Encrease of the Company that the hall is not able to holde them, and also that the Hall is in debt and lackith mony And also in Consideracon of the great Sute made vnto the said m^r and wardens and assystaunce By the m^r and wardens of the yemandrie for the none keping of the yemandries ffeast Yt is thought good that the saide maister and wardens of the Yemandrie shall paye to the Comōn Boxe of the saide Company the S^m of viij li. lawfull mony of Englande That is to saye every of the saide m^r and wardens xls. And not to make any Sumptuous dynner Comonly callid the Yemandries ffeaste, And that the said m^r and wardens of the Yemandrie at their only cost charge shall provide meate and drink for the nom^br of xxx psones of the best of the Yemandrie at the quarter dynner kepte in the hall by the m^r next before mighelmas next comynge at the which dynner there shalbe Elect and chosen the newe maister and wardens of the Yemandrie to Succede the place for the twoo yeares next folowinge And ffarther it is agreed that every one of the yemandrie that shall dyne at the said dynner shall paye towardē the wyne vjd. And that the olde m^r and wardens shall according to the olde Custome and order geve vpp their acompt to the new m^r and wardens the sondaye next after Saynt katherins daye And so lykewise the newe m^r and wardens and their Successours shall also paye to the craftē Boxe the S^m of viij li. if they doo not kepe the yemandries feast that is to Saye every of the saide m^r and wardens yerely during the terme of two yeares xx s. And also to prepare a dynner as is aforesaid in their latter yeare vpon the qrter daye nexte before mighelms when the newe m^r & wardens shalbe chosen Spending at the said dynner the S^m of foure poundē that is to saye every of the olde m^r & wardens xx s. apeece. And that every one of the Yemandrie shall paye yearly to the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie for the

Releving of the poore men bretherne of the Company vj d. yearly and to be discharged of their offering pence and playe pence. And that all psons that haue married within those two yeares shall paye to the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie in the name of theire ~~xxxx~~ xij d. Provided alwaies that this order shall remayne in full fforce and strength as longe the m^r wardens & assistaunce shall think mete & Convenyent Cause to the Contrary & no longer.

This interesting order gives much information about the yeomanry and their feast, but many of the details are obscure. It had been the practice seemingly for the Yeomanry officials to invite the whole Company to their feast. The "playe pence" were the contributions of the Members towards the cost of the play after the banquet.

~~At~~ the same Court [9th October] it was agreed that none shoulde goo too Searche at gravisend this yeare by meanes of the Plague.

The plague was now raging in London to such an extent that the ports of the Low Countries were closed to the importation of English cloth, our great national industry.

The following extract from the Corporation Records (*Letter Book T*, fol. 137), contains an order passed by the Court of Aldermen in 1563:—

Jo^{is} xxix^{no} die Aprilis Anno Regni Regine Elizabeth Quinto. Itm yt was this ~~daye~~ orderyd by the Courte here that there shall no pewterer from hensforthe make eny other barred pottes of pewter but onely "thirrendales" and half thirrendales vppon payne of forfature of the same. And yt was also orderyd that the Keper of the standerd shall not seale eny other barryd pottes from hensforthe of eny other quantety or assise then ys above recytyd vppon payne of forfature of his seyd office.

In this year [1563] was passed the famous Statute of Apprentices, 5 Elizabeth, cap. IV. By this Act, no person was allowed to exercise a trade unless he had previously served a seven years' apprenticeship to it, though the restriction did not, of course, affect trades which were established in England after the passing of the statute. The enactment was found very burdensome, and, although it was held to apply only

to towns, it was repealed in 1814, on the recommendation of a committee of the House of Commons; some reservations were, however, made "in favour of the customs and by-laws of the city of London and of other cities, and of corporations and companies lawfully constituted."

Item R^s for ix payre of knyves xvij d.

These knives were remarkably cheap at 1*d.* each. Forks were not yet in use, which may account for the use of knives in pairs.

pardonyd
by y^e last
parliament.

Item R^s for v small kettells weing xij^{li} at vj d. y^e ^{li} vj s.

Item R^s the same of certayne of the clothing for fynes for that they cam not in the^r best livery at the Buriall of mr. cacher as maye appeare vij s.

Receyued of the mr and wardens of the yemandry that is to say Allyn Gardener, Robert Cropwell, John Sherwyne and Thomas burton acording to agrement at a Court holden the xjth daye of June 1563. ffor they gaue to the crafts boxe in mony because they made not a dynner for the whole Company as hath bynne accustomed viij li.

Item R^s for xxxvij ^{li} of fyne mettall which was taken fforfayte this yeare at vj d. the ^{li} xvij s. vjd.

Item R^s for xl ^{li} of ffrench laye w^{ch} was sold for xij s.

Item geven to Thomas lowton soldyer w^{ch} cam from ffraunce sore hurt by agrement of assistu^{ance} [*i.e.*, of the Court of Assistants.] v s.

Item pd to John Scrocam tynkerde towards the losse of his iij kettells w^{ch} was taken forfayte agreed by the assystaunce ij s.

Item pd for a boxe to put o^r Ryding patent in iij d.

Item pd to ij men that scorged m^{rs} priers man and for Rode vd.

Item pd for breade and drink for the assistaunce at a Courte daye ij d.

Item pd for a draught of a supplicacoⁿ drawn at guylde hall agaynst west for the order of barpots xij d.

Item pd to the Joyenner for setting to gether of iij olde scoshins and lethering of all x d.

Item pd to the Joyner for Carving the fflow^{rs} at the ende of vij scochins and for one newe Scochine vij s. iij d.

Item pd to Robert Clarck paynter for payntinge & gildinge of vij Scochins w^t sondry armes at xvij d. the pece xij s.

Item pd for a pottell pot a quart and a pynt pot of taverne ware to be standers in the howse weinge viij lb iij q^{rt} at iiij d. the pounce

ij s. xj d.

Item pd to Bodam for Cutting of the vyne and for A white powle brushe to swepe the hall xv d.

Item pd to the Carpenter for a Seller dore xx d.

Item pd for ij single quarters that made Cleates vj d.

Item pd to mr. Gerye for a garnishe of vessell weing Lviij ^{lli} at viij d. the pound xls. iiij d., two do^f of trenchers xij s., vj Candellstick^e xij s. whiche were geven to the lorde keper, and xij trenchers vj s. w^{ch} were geven to mr Philips. S^m of all is iij li x s. iiij d.

Charge for the setting forth of viij Soldyers by a Presept the xjth day of July 1563, which were delyuered at Tower hill and so sent to Newhaven.

The total cost was 12*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*, and among the 32 entries is the following:—

Item pd to the Capetayne for his good will in the Exceptyng of ower men and harnes x s.

Charge for xij soldyers which by presept sent from the mayo^r the xxiiij day of Julye was Comaunded to be in a Redines with their furnytur of Artillary within one houres warning, which soldyers being kept at the Craft^e charge xiiij dayes were then discharged and never went forth. A^o 1563.

Item pd for a do^f of gerdles wherof the soldiers Ran away wth ffyve of them ix s.

Item pd for xij arming sword^e at iij s. iiij d. a pece wherof the Soldiers ys Ronne away w^t ij of them xls.

Item pd to v of the soldiers for their swerds and daggers to saue ower owne [to save our own] wthin o^r hall xiiij s.

These troops were dispatched from Newhaven for the defence of Havre, which, as stated above, was held by Elizabeth. It was besieged by the French, and, after the garrison had been decimated by plague, it capitulated in July.

1563-4. ¶ a Court then holden [6th March] Robert Bakehouse Complayned against John holstock for that he Receyved in to his hande a mawnde wherein was Shroffe weying xxxix li. Itm in ffyne mettall xiiij thli and also in Leade iiij C wth a Red clothe &c w^{ch} the same holstocke contrary to right wthholdeth from the saide Backhowse being sent vnto hym Yt is agreed that the saide holstock shoulde delyver vnto the saide Backhowse the saide maunde w^t all thinge therein, and they to stand to the Judgment by the man of the countree by whome yt was sent vpp, to whome the saide maund sholde aptayne and if it might be proved the saide mawnde was sent vpp vnto the saide holstock Then the saide Backhowse wthin xxiiij houres shoulde delyuer the saide maund & all other thinge vnto the saide Holstock or elle so moche monye as the value therof.

¶ a Court then holden [7th April] Yt was agreed That wheare m^r Cacher by his last will and Testament hathe given to ffyve poremen of the saide Company a Certayne Almas That is to saye vnto every of the saide ffyve men xij d. every quarter and their dynⁿ or elle vj d. in monye at the discession of the m^r and wardens for the tyme being So the whole almas is to be taken owt of the Revenues of m^r Cachers lande vijs. vj d. a quarter it is Concluded that theise psonnes folowing shoulde Receyve the Benyfet of the saide almas to begynne at mydsomer next

Robert Borne

John Tugley

Robert Rose

Harry Ractlif.

Richard King thelder

¶ the same Court [15th April] Robert Bakehowse complayned agaynst John holstock for that he had not so moche mettall in the maunde as he ought to haue by v thli of leade. Shroffe v thli & one pounce of ffyne mettall and for that he demaunded the same holstock saide he wolde and were not for shame pull his ffoxo ffurred gowne over his eares. So it is agreed that both shoulde bring in their ffynes of xx s. apece ffor their approbrious wordes the one agaynst the other by ffrydaye next and then to be determynd.

¶ the same Court [21st September] yt was agreed by the most part of all the ffellowshipp that every one of the Clothing shoulde haue

but ij apprentice at one tyme . And every one owt of the clothing to haue but one apprentice at one tyme . Provided alwaye that althose that haue bynne or shalbe m^r and wardens being of the assystaunce shall haue three apprentice vpon condicōn that they be Bound in an obligacōn of x ti to set ij Jornymen on worck.

At the foresaide Courte [11th October] there was brought and delyuered intoo the hande of the m^r and wardens a lytle standing Cupp w^t a kever and a Goblet pcell gilt weying xxxviij o3 iiij qrtr which was geuen vnto the howse by S^r peter warrisson Clarck.

Sir Peter Warryson, clerk, was a clerical member of the Company, "Sir" being the ordinary prefix in use in olden times to denote a person in holy orders. He became a liveryman in 1555-6, his place on the roll being immediately after the Master and Wardens; his name disappears from the list in 1564-5. Sir Peter could hardly have been the Chaplain, as he was put in nomination for the office of Junior Warden in 1558-9 (p. 201). His admission must have been by redemption or by honorary grant. He left the Company a bequest of 4*l.* for a loving cup.

Item Rs for iiij weddings kept in o^r hall at v.s. the pece and ij of the company at xx d. a pece S^m xvij s. iiij d.

Item Rs of S^r Peter warrisson Clerck [for Quarterage] iiij s.

Item pd to Browne for writing o^r newe boke of ordenⁿce x s.

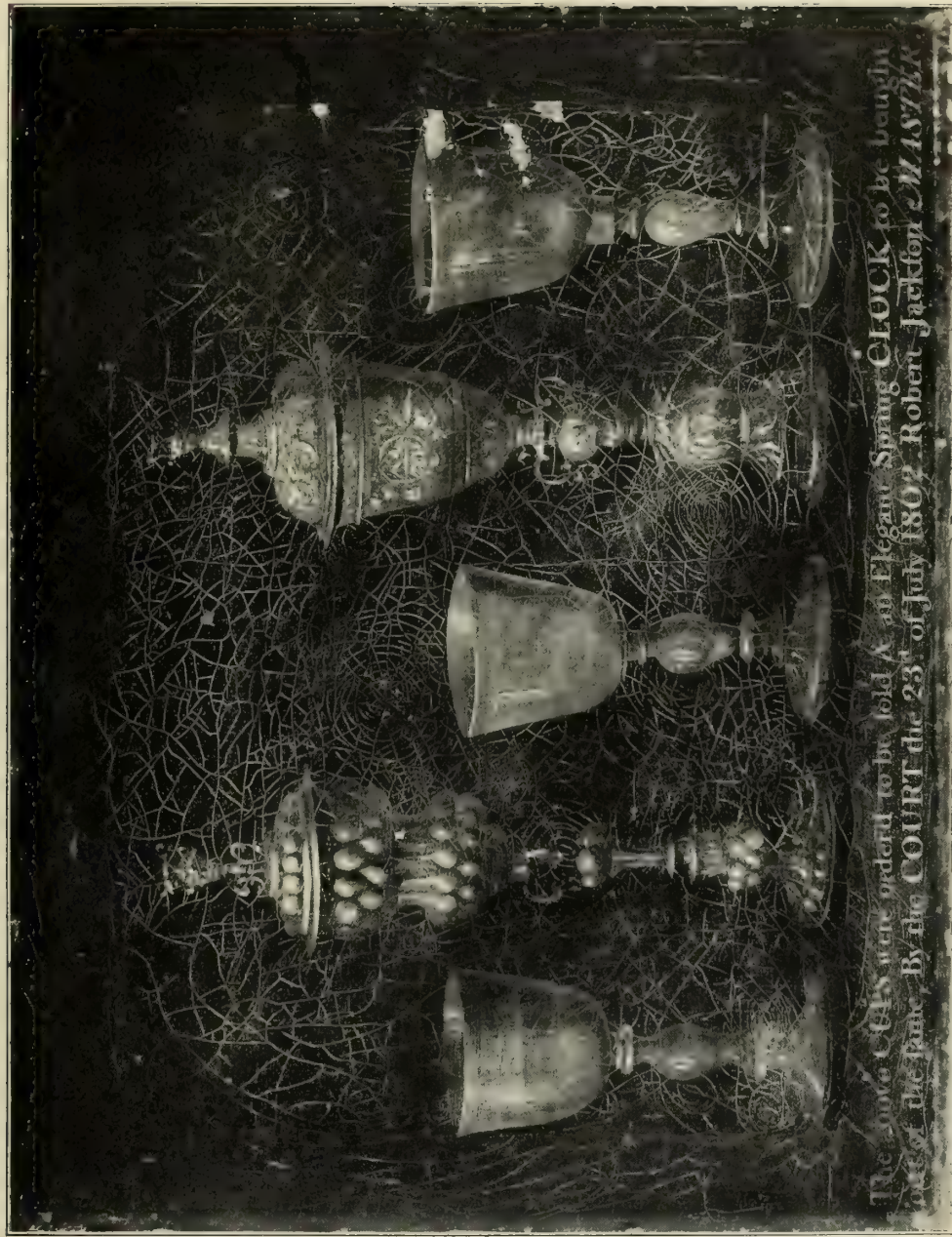
Item pd for Englisshing the Corporacōn because the company wolde vnderstand the meaning thereof vj d.

Item pd for writting a newe table of the names of all the whole Lyvery
iiij s. viij d.

This is an early (if not the first) instance of the use of the term "livery," instead of "Clothing," to denote the higher grade of members of the Company.

Item pd for breade and drink for certayne of the assistⁿce when they went to vewe the ffyning [refining] howse vj d.

This year the Company was presented with a second book of Ordinances. It is of paper, and only eight folios are used, the remainder being blank. At the beginning of the volume is the following inscription :



The above cups were ordered to be sold A. an Elegant Spring CLOCK to be brought out of the same By the COURT the 23rd of July 1802 Robert Jackson M^{rs} 1872

LOVING CUPS FORMERLY BELONGING TO THE COMPANY. FROM A PAINTING IN PEWTERERS' HALL.

Anno Dñi 1564. In the tyme of maister Stephin Rowlandson John Gerye and Thomas Allyn then beinge m^r and wardens of the mistery of pewterers this boke was made and was geuen by willm^a Curtes to write in the good orders of the Sayde Crafte.

Beneath this heading and occupying the rest of the page is a coloured drawing of the Company's arms with two naked winged boys as supporters. Above the shield are the letters W. C., the initials of William Curtis, the donor of the book.

Then follow the "Othe of the craft" and the Master's and Wardens oaths, which do not differ from the earlier forms printed on pages 31-2. After the Oaths are the Ordinances, which occupy six folios and include some of later date down to the year 1572.

The othe of
the Bedle.

Youe shall sweare that youe shalbe faithfull to o^r soueraigne lady the Quene and to her heires kinge and quenes of England youe shalbe of good behauer and of good abearynge and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme being and their Comaundem^e shall diligently and gladly doo. And youe shalbe good and gentill of behauio^r to the whole felowshipp theire secret^e Councell^e ordenaunc^e and rules made or to be made by the saide m^r wardens and ffelowshipp youe shall kepe and not disclose to no parson w^out Cōmaundment of the saide maister and wardens Youe shall knowe no gatheringe nor secret workinge or euill demeanors which might be preiudice to the maister and wardens within their saide felowship but youe shall let it to yo^r poure and geue the maister and wardens knowledge and warning thereof. Youe shall Enquire and present the names of all them that shalbegyn to set vp newe howses or open any shopp or shoppes within their saide yeare and the names of all prentice that shalbe newe bounde in the saide yeare and the names of their maisters to whome they are bounde vnto and to kepe a boke of all the names of the whole felowship aswell of Jornymen and prentice as all howseholders In theise and all other thinge that apartayneth to the office of a Beadle belonging to a company youe shall well and truely execute and behaue youe so god youe helpe and all Saynte and by this booke.

The othe of
the Clarck.

Youe shall sweare that youe shalbe faithfull to o^r soueraigne lady the Quene and to her heires and successors Kinge and Quenes of England.

Youe shalbe of good abearyng and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Youe shalbe of good abearyng and obeydient to the maister and wardens for the tyme being and of good behauio^r to all the hole felowship theire secre^te Councelle ordenaunce and rules made or to be made by the saide m^r wardens and felowship youe shall kepe and not vtter nor disclose to no parson Youe shall knowe no p^riudice nor hurt toward^e the m^r wardens & felowship but youe shall let it to yo^r poure and geue the m^r and wardens knowledge and warnynge thereof. Youe shall vse yo^r self Indifferently and truely to all the hole felowship in your office of Clarckshipp So god youe helpe and all saynte and by this booke.

An order for
bying w^t
servante.

ffirst it is agreed that it shall not be lawfull for no couenant Seruant to buy nor sell any kynd of ware but only for his m^{rs} vse, nor that any man of the saide crafte shall sell nor buye with any Couenaunt Seruaunt or apprentice any ware except it be for his maisters vse vppon payne to forfait eury tyme ofending aswell the buyer as the Seller xx s. the one moytie to hym or them that can proue the same and the other moitie to the Craft^e boxe.

An order for
disclosing
of word^e.

Also it is farther agreed that who so euer of the saide felowship that doth disclose any thinge that is spoken in the hall at any Courte amonge the felowship, the which maye be to the dishonestie or Reproche of the saide Company shall paye therefore being duely proued to the Craft^e boxe xx s.

An order for
marking of
wares: and
Touches.

Also it is agreed that eury one of the saide felowship that makith any warre shall set his owne marke thereon. And that no man shall geue for his proper marck or touch the Rose and crown w^t tres [letters] nor otherwise but only to hym to whome it is geuen by the felowship. Nor that no man of the saide Crafte shall geue one anothers marck nother w^t tres nor otherwise, but eueryone to geue a sondry marck such one as shalbe alowed by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge vpon payne to forfait and paye for eury tyme offendinge to the Craft^e boxe xiijs. iiij d.

An order for
v^r audytors.

Also it is agreed that there shalbe foure Awdytours Chosen eury yeare to awdit the Craft^e accompte and they to parvse it and search it that it be perfect. And also to accompt it Correct it and allowe it So that they make an ende of the awdet therof between Mighelmas and Christmas

yearely and if defaute be made of ffenishinge thereof before Christmas yearely euery one of the saide Awdytours shall paye to the Craftē boxe vj s. viij d. a pece.

An order for
y^e m^r &
wardens
quarterage.

Also it is agreed that from hensforth the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge shall paye no quarterage for that yeare that theye are in office.

An order for
q^{ter} dyners.

Also it is agreed that there shalbe yearely from hensforth for euer foure Quarter dynners that is to saye in euery quarter in the yeare at the Search daye a dynner And the same dynners alwaies to be kepte in the hall belonginge to the saide felowship for the whole Clothinge, and euery one of the saide clothinge to paye for theire dynner vj d. a pece and not aboue.

Salts
making

Also it is agreed that from hensforth that no maker of saltē shall make any saltē other then iiij s. and iij s. saltē and chopnetē greate and small after the olde fasshion of laye, but that they shalbe forfaited And that no man make no newe fasshion saltē withowt it be allowed by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Except it be fyne mettall vpon payne and forfaitē of all such Saltē made to the contrary and true meaning hereof.

void.

An order for
sodering of
wares.

Also it is agreed that if any of the saide Company be taken to Soder any ware with softe pale, but onely one kynde of paile beinge harde and substanciall such as shalbe made with Tynne and peke and w^t no other kynd of mettall, vpon payne and forfaitē of all such ware as shalbe founde otherwise paled And the makers of such ware to forfaitē asmoch in monye as the ware is worth besides the forfeiture of the saide wares.

2^{li} of tynne
1^{li} of peake.

An order for
sayng of
Tynne.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide Company what so eⁿ he be shall Saye or bye any tynne for no straunger nor Englishman, Except it be for one of the Company beinge a freman of the same Crafte or for his owne vse and occupying vppon payne to forfaitē for euery pece of tynne so sayed duely p^{ro}ued [proved] xx s.

An order for
buyng of
leade or
tyne of
laborers.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide Crafte shall buye any leade or other mettall of Tilers Laborers, Masons, Boyes nor of women, Nor of none such as shall seme to be a Suspect parson Except they can fynde good and Sufficient warrent for the same. And that the buyers therof

will make answer for the same parsons so selling the saide leade or other mettall. Also it is farther agreed that no man of the saide company shall buy no pewter leade or any other kynd of mettall of no Suspect parson or parsons at their stall℥ or ell℥ wheare before Sixe of the Clock in the morning nor after Sixe of the Clock at night in the Somer season. And not before viij of the Clock in the mornynge nor after foure of the Clock in the after none in the wynter Season. And if yt be prouid that any of the Company, doo the Contrary and that the saide Pewter leade or other mettall shoulde chaunce to be founde stollen That then the buyers thereof offendinge in this article should not only at the discession of the m^r wardens and assystaunce for the tyme beinge be dysmissed from the company neuer to occupie the same agayne. But also shall stand to such ponishment of the lord mayo^r of london and the Aldermen of the same as they shall thinke mete. And that none of the saide company shalbe excused by his wife or Seruaⁿt℥ nor none other such lyke excuse.

Also it is agreed that no man of the saide Crafte shall buye any Cornish tynne or deuonshere tynne without he doo take twoo pound for the Clof of euery pece of cornish tynne And one pounce for the Clof of euery pece of deuonⁿ tynne. And who so euer buyeth anye such tynne Contrary to this order shall paye for euery pece of Cornish tynne to the Craft℥ boxe tenne shilling℥. And for euery pece of deuonⁿ tynne v.s. without any fauor.

Also it is agreed that the Clarck belonging to the saide company shoulde haue the makeinge of all the prentic℥ Indentures that shalbe made within the saide company, and who so euer doth put theire Indentures to any other parson from the Clarck shall paye the Clarck neuer the lesse for euery paire xij d. And also to paye such fyne as the maister and wardens shall think mete for the same.

Also it is agreed that no parsonne of the said felowshippe doo from hensforth in his shoppe or in any other place eyther in selling or Chepeninge of his ware saye to any parson that his ware is better then any others of the Company by a peny ob or q^r a pounce more or lesse. the partie so sayinge beinge duely proued shall forfait and paye for euery tyme offending to the Craft℥ boxe xx s. without any fauor.

An order for
bying and
saying of
Tynne with-
owt Cloffs.

An order for
the clarke
for makynge
of inden-
tures.

voide.

An order for
bosting of
wares.

An order for
Jornyme^s.

Also it is agreed that no Jornyman saruyng by the yeare shall departe from the saruice of his maister w^towt he geue his m^r half a yeares warnyng And he that sarueth by the half yeare shall not depart without a quarter of a year warnyng And he that sarueth by the weke shall not departe withoute a wekes warnyng And who so euer do offende contrary to this order shall forfaite and paye for a fyne xx s. And that if any parson of the felowship do set aworke any such Jornyman that doth departe contrary to this order before he doth parfetyly knowe that he is clere from his m^r he cam from he shall paye lykewise in the name of a fyne xx s.

An order for
them y^twold
set vp.

Also it is agreed by the whole Company that the m^r and wardens shall not lycens any to set vp or kepe open Shopp vnto such tyme as the parson that wolde set vp do first come before the maister and wardens and the assistaunce and bringe his m^r w^thome he was prentice w^t hym to make reporte of his behauor, what substance he is of and what workeman he is So that he maye be knowne whether he be worthy to set vp or not.

An order for
procuring
away
Costom^{rs}.

Also it is agreed that no parson of the Crafte shall procure or labor by any maner of meanes either by Cookes or other parsons to Sinister or speake to any Company or Innes of Courte or any other Customers which any of the saide Company haue bynne accustomed to serue in tyme past either of wrought vessell or hiar of Rough vessell whereby he that haue sarued the saide Companis hatt^e Innes of Court^e and Customers be hindred and lose his Customers by such vnsemely procuring and means before such tyme as the parson which was wont to serue haue geuen over the saruing of such Customers And the matter examined before the m^r and wardens for the tyme beinge, and farther if any of the saide Company do goo to any Tauerne alehowse or any other howse or howses desiring to haue the mendig of pott^e or changinge of vessell before any other and so by suche euill demeanors others of the saide company be hindered of their Customers, Wherefore who so euer do procure any other from his customers by any meanes or waies beinge duely proued or goo from howse to howse as aforesaide shall forfaite and pay for a fyne for euery tyme offending this article xls.

Also it is agreed that no youngman of the felowship which hath bynne apprentice to the same crafte shall be made free nor sworn before

the bokes of the Crafte be Searched whether his presentment be paide or not. And if he be not founde presented then his m^r or suche as haue had his laste seruice shall paye his presentment before he be made ffree.

Also it is agreed that no parson beinge of the Clothinge of the saide company shall haue as apprentic^e aboute the number of twoo at one tyme. And that no parson beinge ow^t of the Clothinge shall haue aboute the number of one aprentice at one tyme. And who so euer shall happen too offend contrary to this ordenaunce shall forfeite and paye for euery tyme offendinge tenne pound^e the one moitie wherof to be to the lorde mayo^r and Chaumberlayne of London and the othe moitie to be to the m^r and wardens and Coimⁱnaltie of the saide crafte Prouided alwaies and it is agreed that all such parsons as haue bynne m^r and wardens of the saide company or hereafter shall be m^r and wardens of the saide company comonly called the assystaunce shall and maye lawfully haue three apprentic^e at one tyme vpon condiccōn that euery such parson hauing iij apprentic^e shalbe bounde to the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge in an obligacōn of x li to set two Jorⁿy^men on worke yf there be any destitute or lack^e worke beinge of the saide facultie that he that shalbe his maister ys of, And shalbe to hym appoynted by the maister and wardens for the tyme beinge Also that no parson beinge ow^t of the Clothinge shall take any aprentice vntill he haue lycence of the maister wardens and assyst^unce to thentent that none shall haue aprentice but such as be able to kepe them And it shalbe leafull for the m^r and wardens that if any be not able to kepe his aprentice or vpon other reasonable cause shall take awaye the saide aprentice and put hym to some other of the company And it is agreed that he that hath but one aprentice shall take another wⁱn one yeare before his other haue serued his yeares so that he haue lycens of the maister wardens and assystance soo to doo. Alwaies prouided that althose that haue more aprentices then is abouesaide before the making hereof shall enioye them and shall haue no more vntill they be worne ow^t, and they that haue but twoo aprentic^e maye take another within half a yeare before any his other aprentic^e haue serued their yeares And it is agreed that if any parson what so euer he be

Number of
app^rti to be
kept.

that shall heare after moue any matter which might sounde to the breache and vndoyng of this Article and Ordenaunce shall forfait and paye x li to be deuided as is aforesaid &c.

Also it is agreed and ordayned that euery Jorneyman being a freman in the saide company shall hereafter waite vpon the maister and wardens of the yemandry at all offerynges as well as howsholders beinge lawfully warned by the beadle vpon payne to forfait for euery tyme offendinge to the yemandris boxe hauing no reasonable excuse to the contrary vj d. And that the saide Jorneymen assone as they breake vp from the said m^r & wardens and companye doo straytewaye Repayre whome to their masters geuyng their due attendance as honest fūnt^e [servants] ought to doo And not to goo to any Tauerne alehowse or such lyke vnsemely places, and who so euer maye be proued that goith to any such place beinge no howsholder or otherwise vse hym self vnreuerently vn dishonestly or vnsemely emong^e the Company in goinge to the saide offeryng^e shall paye to the Craft^e boxe for euery tyme offendynge vj s. viij d.

Also it is ordeyned and agreed That wheare the Company haue bynne in tymes past at excessyue charg^e as well in setting owt of men and for furnytüre of artillary as also in lending of mony for wheate and other thing^e and more is lyke too doo to their farther greate charge and Indympnitie, for y^t there is no mony in the howse and the hall indebt and lack^e repācons yt is therefore concluded y^t eu^{er}y howsholder kepyng howse or shop being a brother or free of the same company shall paye vnto y^e Craft^e boxe foure shilling^e by the yeare that is to saye euery quarter xij d. for the which saide iiij s. qzterly to be paide the saide company in tyme to come may be discharged for Setting owt men, lendyng of mony and such lyke charg^e and of all Charg^e that maye happen to be leuied of the saide company, Prouided alwaies that the saide quarterage shall conteneue so longe to be paide as the whole Body of the Company shall thynke mete and conuenient cause to y^e contrary.

Also it is ordered and agreed that none of the saide felowship shall lydd or foote any stone pott^e with pewter Excepte the same lydd^e be substancially and workmanly wrought accordinge to example nowe Remayning in the hall And if any lidd^e be founde fawtie it shalbe

leafull to the maister and wardens for the tyme being to breake the same liddē in whose handē so euer they maye be founde, and the makers to paye for euery lidd so found fawty a j.d. to the Craftē boxe and shall make good the same pottē liddē substancially to the owners at their owne Charge ouer and besides the ffyne.

Quarts &
Pints.

Also it is agreed that none of the felowship shall make any tankerd quartē nor tankerd pyntē nor to sell of those kynd of pottē for any mony or otherwise but only the therdendale and half therdendale accordinge to the Lawes and constituōn of this Citie. [See Order of Court of Aldermen, 29th April, 1563, page 234.] And also the pot called the brode pynt And that no holowaremen shall make any pottē of Just quartē or pyntē for ale & beare measure but only the stope pottell the greate stope quart and the greate stope pynt, and the greate pynt with the Brode Bottam the greate English pottell the greate English quartē and the greate English pynt and none other. And as for tauerne ware to make them according to the assice and as by exsample remaynyng in owre hall And who so euer offendeth to the contrary and true meanyng heareof shalbe comitted to the warde there to remayne vntill he haue paide xls. for euery tyme offending the one moitie of which forfaiture to be to the Chaumbr-layne of london and the other moitie to the Craftē boxe.

Old pewter.

Also it is agreed that none of the saide company whatsoever he be shall sell at his stall or ellē wheare any olde vessell that haue byne chaunged or bought owtright for any mony vpon payne to forfaiture and paye for euery tyme offending to the Craftē boxe xls.

Also it ordeyned and agreed that no parson of the saide company shall serue in any mans howse as a scollian* to the yll fame and slaunder of the company neither in the lorde mayo^{rs} howse nor in the Shreuis nor other, nor yet to scow^r or amend any uessell but at home at his owne dwellyng howse. And who so euer shall happen to do contrary to this ordonaunce shall forfaiture and paye to the Craftē boxe for euery tyme offendynge xls.

Also it is agreed according to agrement made by the lorde mayo^r and courte of aldermen the xxvth day of January 1563 that there shalbe

* This word is crossed out and "Labourer" written above in a later hand.

made tankerd quartē and tankerd pyntē playne w^t one hoope aboue and another hope at the ffoote and no other hoopes vpon those kynd pottē.

An order for
saucers
1572.

Also it is ordered that all petty sawcers through out the whole Company shalbe before Candelmas nexte called in & not vttered to be solde to any person or persons not vnder foure poundes weight the dosen or thereaboutē vpon payne of forfeiture of all suche saucers as from thenceforth shalbe made contrary to this Ordinaunce any other ordinaunce or prouiso heretofore made to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstandinge.

1564-5. ¶ the same Court [26th January] the m^r Shewed vnto all the assystaunce being then present That the honorable Richarde mallerie lorde mayo^r of London dyd send for hym and the ij wardens to dynner emonge other Companyes. And they seing the saide other companies vppon their volantarie willē in the name of all their whole comia^{ntie} did gratifie the saide Lorde mayo^r w^t their good willē in certayne S^{ms} of monye. Whervppon the m^r and wardens did also gratifie the saide Lorde mayo^r in the name of the whole companye w^t iiij Rialle of golde considering his paynes in hearing their matters. wherfore yt is agreed by the assystaunce that the saide iiij Rialle of golde being xl s. shoulde be borne and discharged by the howse owt of the Craftē Boxe. Theise being at the same agrement Maister myllē mr Edwarde Reo and withm Loton wardens m^r Daye m^r Rowlandson m^r woodowce m^r Curtes m^r Gerie m^r allyn m^r Turner m^r Scott.

This was a Christmas gift. See the entry in the Accounts below, p. 250.

¶ a Courte holden the same daye [9th February] by the m^r wardens & assystaunce yt was agreed that vppon Consideracon that m^r warden had certayne mony in his handē Receyved vppon burialle and such lyke casuall Receiptē there shoulde bee a Shroving dynner made in the hall for the whole clothing whervppon Thomas Nicolle and John Cacher were chosen stewardē for the same dynn. And it was also agreed that they shoulde haue owt of the Craftē Boxe more in mony tenne shillingē.

Shrove-tide was the Carnival before Lent.

¶ a Courte holden the same daye [2nd August] by the m^r wardens and assystaunce it was agreed that Nicholas Bodam the beadle shoulde

haue from hensforth for his wage and yearely Salarie the Smⁿ of ffoure pounde And also to haue for wasshing the Crafte naperie yearely xij s. iij d. Also it was agreed that the saide N Bodam shall haue alowed at the maisters dynner a Boyled capon or a cock, half a goose half a pike half a pie half a Custerde a Rabbet a dishe of Sturgeon twoo cast^e of Breade and a gallond of drink, and lykewise shall haue the same alowaunce at the yemandries dynner also.

¶ At the same Courte it was also agreed that Edmund^e browne the Clarck, shall haue alowed hym at the m^{rs} Dynner half a goose, a Rabbet, half a custerde, a pastie, or a pie, twoo cast^e of Breade, and a gallond of ale, and to be amended at the m^r and wardens discession, and lykewise shall haue the same alowaunce at the yemandries dynner also.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [29th August] by the m^r wardens and assystaunce there was warning Geven to Richarde harrisson that ffrom hensforth he shoulde Gylde no more any Tynne Except it be a Tryfell to geue awaye to his ffrend^e and well proved to be geven awaye. And in lyke mann^r Robert Somers hadd warning that he shoulde Gilde no more, which both pties haue made promis never to gilde any Tynne agayne, Except it be as is aforesaide for a Tryfell to geue awaye.

An order for
setting owt
to hier new
ware.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [24th September] by the moost parte of all the whole Body of the Company it was agreed and ordayned that ffrom hensforth no mann^r of pson of the saide Company shall put owt to hier any mann^r of newe vessell being wrought ware to no pson vppon payne to fforfayte and paye for every tyme so lettinge owt to hier any such ware being wrought and duely proved to the Craft^e Boxe ffyve pounde wth owt any ffavo^r.

¶ At a Courte holden the same daye [11th October] for certayn worde w^{ch} John bowlting spake vnto m^r Curtes it was agreed to be written for Remembruⁿce to be determened the next Court daye w^{ch} worde was as folowith Sayth bowltinge I pceyue youe are a greate mayntayner of yo^r brother, and I haue agood occasion to haue an Accōn of maynten^ance agaynst youe, but youe haue ruled a greate while, I praye god youe haue not governed to longe and that the Company haue not occasion to Cursse youe for yo^r goverment.

At the same Courte at the Ernest Request of John boultinge for his vnsemy worde spoken to m^r Curtes in the fface of the whole Courte desired to haue an ende of the same matter, Yt was agreed that the saide boulting shoulde in the presence of all the company desire m^r Curtes to be good vnto hym and that he is sorie for that he hathe saide, and that the saide bolting shoulde from hensforth take the saide m^r Curtes for his better, and so euer hereafter to be lovers and ffrend^e w^{ch} was donne and all for geuen.

At a Courte holden the same daye [13th December] Withm wood Complayned agaynst m^r nogaye for that he w^hholdethe a swage from hym and when the same wood cam for it the saide m^r Nogaye called hym knave and saide he wolde beate hym from his Stall w^t a kegill Yt was agreed and order taken by the m^r wardens and assystaunce that the saide m^r nogaye shoulde paye vnto the saide wood forthwith for his swage so moche monye as he paide for the same w^{ch} was xvij d. and so they are agreed.

Item Rs of Edwarde Dickinson for one quarter Rent for ow^r howse called the Aungell in themistreat due at mydsomer Anno Dñi 1565

iiij li. xv s.

Item pd for the hier of my lorde howards Barge . . . xxxvj s. viij d.

Lord Howard was a honorary liveryman of the Company. See p. 225.

Item pd for iiij ell^e of Blewe sarsnet to make ij Stremers . . . xxxj s.

Item pd for vj yards di of grenecloth to make a carpet and xij Coshins xxix s.

Item pd to the Paynter for making and workmanshipp of the twoo Stremers, collering [colouring] of the stremer Staff^e and tryming the Cosshins [escutcheons] w^t the Armes of the craft . . . iiij li. iij s.

Item pd for viij oz of ffrenge of yelow and grene silke for o^r Stremers ix s. iiij d.

Item pd for corde to staye the stremers in the barge and for goodman bodams botether to lambethe . . . iiij d.

Item pd for a hammer and a chesell and mending the Brode Arowhedd to saye the Tynne . . . iij s. iiij d.

Item pd to a Screvener for writing ow^r corporacōn in pchment in Englishe . . . viij s.

- Item** pd for the helving of a Sledge to saye tynne w^t all ij d.
- Item** pd and spent the xvij daye of novemb^r when we went to vewe a
fyning howse xvij d.
- Item** geven to the lorde mayo^r at christmas as it was agreed by the
assystaunce xls.
- Item** pd for o^r botehier and mr Cosworth to westminster when we went
to speake w^t the lorde of loughborow viij d.
- Item** pd to Thomas nicolls and John Cacher towards the making of a
Shroving dynner allowed by y^e howse xs.
- Item** pd to m^r Bromley for his counsell concerning o^r howse at Londonstone
and for writing o^r deedes for the same xxvj s. viij d.
- Item** pd vnto xij Boyes at the taking of the possession xij d.

The boys' services were engaged to "beat the bounds" of the premises under the direction of the Company's Beadle.

- Item** pd vnto m^r Alderman Champion the daye of in the way
of lone to buye whete and Rie for the Citie xxv li.
- Item** pd vnto Bonyface ffoster and Thomas Eveley for the purchase of
ow^r howse at londonstone wherein Richarde mannyng dwelleth
xxxix li.
- Item** spent the xxvj daye of June at the white lyon at the gilde hall
Court when we gaue o^r attendaunce to haue o^r deede enrolled of
mannyng^e howse xiiij d.
- In** p^ris we doo alowe vnto the saide m^r and wardens for wood and cole
more then the xvj s. alowed by the howse the S^m of vj s. viij d. by
Reason of the greate ffrost^e and long Setting in the hall abowt the
crafts busines So that we fynde to moche demaunded for wood
& cole vs. vj d.

1565-6. **At** the same Courte [11th January] m^r warden Allyn
Complayned agaynst m^r Loton John Swenerton water stokton and John
malton for that they all geve his touche contrary to the ordenaunce.

At the same Courte [20th February] Raphe straye for that he occu-
pieth not the craft hadd Lycence to take another prentis & hath pd ij s.

At the same Courte [18th March] John Cacher complayned agaynst John Jackson for procuring awaye the Sarving of the Drapers hall, w^{ch} the said Cacher hathe vsually Sarved. Also the saide Jackson dyd let them a grose of newe spones and a doꝛ of newe Saltꝛ.

At the same Courte [8th May] for matter in variance betwene Peter kilborne and Richarde warde for the Touche of the hamer and the crowne w^{ch} of them shoulde geue it, it shalbe determyned the nexte Courte Daye.

At the same Courte [17th June] yt was agreed that Richarde warde shoulde geue the Toche of the hammer and the crowne for that his wif sometyme the wif of wilhm hartwell did geue the same before, and that the saide Richarde warde shall geue vnto peter kilborne Towarde the graving of a newe marcke xij d.

At the same Courte [17th August] yt was agreed by the whole assistaunce that ffrom hensforth there shoulde yerelye at the eleccōn of the saide m^r and wardens be chosen a Rento^r to gather the craftꝛ Rente and to paye all manⁿ of charge going owt of the saide Rente belonging to the saide Companye, and the same Rento^r alwaies when he is chosen to be one of the assistaunce and to set in Courte. And the same Rento^r for the tyme being shalbe Comptable vnto the young^r warden and to make a Just accompt aswell of the Receiptꝛ as paymentꝛ and to bring in the Remayne (if there be any) alwais before mighelmas wherby the young^r warden maye make vp his accompte. And for the yere next coming Thomas Eliot is chosen Rento^r.

This resolution was rescinded in December, 1569. See page 263.

At a Courte holden the same daye [19th August] beinge the maisters dynner daye only for the matter in variance betwene John Mathewe and John Barker before the Company went to church the saide John mathewe and John Barker in the presence of all the whole Clothinge hadd their hoodꝛ Taken from them for their evill demeano^r the one to the other at Chensforde [Chelmsford] faire; And so was dismissed of the clothinge yet they were bothe Contented to abyde the order and determynaconⁿ of the saide m^r, wardens and clothinge, wherevppon

they were put aparte, and and vppon theyre gentill Submission and knowledging their offence. Yt was ordayned and agreed by the saide m^r wardens and the rest of the clothinge that either of them shoulde paye in the name of a ffyne to the craft^e Boxe ij s. vj d. apece, and to be restored to their hoodes and felowshipp of the clothing agayne, for this tyme.

At the same Courte yt was agreed by the whole clothinge that ffrom hensforth, if any of the clothing doo happen to mysyse themself^e, the one to the other otherwise then lyke honest and Syvell men, or become dronkerd^e, Brawlers or suche vnsemely demeano^{rs} to the infamie and slaunder of the Companye he or they that so vseth hymself and being thereof convict shalbe banished the clothinge and Company for euer.

And it is farther agreed [4th September] that no pson in the Company shall sell any kynde of white ware to any other pson that dothe entend to Retaile the same agayne to the sellers knowledge except it be to a pewterer, vppon the lyke payne [of 5*l.*].

The term "white ware" seems to indicate pewter as opposed to the "yellow" metals, brass and latten. (*See* entry of 23rd September, 1568, p. 259.)

At a Courte holden the same daye [10th October] by the whole Body of the Company wedowe Slack complayned agaynst John mearse for the S^m of xx s. w^{ch} he owith her. and he confessed the same. wherevppon m^r Reo hath promysed to paye of the same forthwith vnto the saide wedowe v^s. Withm Readman v^s John Cacher v^s. and Thomas Cacher v^s. and so the wedowe is paide. And it is ordered and agreed that the saide John mearse shall worke vnto the saide pties so muche in workmanshipp of ware as their monie shall amount vnto at the will and pleasuer of the saide pties.

At the same Courte [12th December] Gabriell hill, hughe colliers man, and Peter Tollerton m^r Reos apprentis were bothe sent vnto warde for that they consettered to gether to haue Ronne awaye, and had Enbeaseled certayne patrons and Toolles of their maisters good^e.

At a Court holden the same daye [20th December] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce there was agrement and order taken that from

hensforthe there shoulde be geven to the Lord mayo^r of London for the tyme beinge ffor Benyvolence in the name of all the whole Companye ffortie shillinge. Provided alwaies if the saide Lorde mayo^r doo gratifie the m^r and wardens w^t a spone or any other thinge the same to be and Remayne vnto the Hall. And it is agreed that this order shall conteneue vntill the whole assistaunce shall think convenyent cause to the contrarie.

Itm R^s ffor Certayne Tynne which m^r Mills, m^r Reo, and Wiltm loton Did take the last yeare fforffayte that is to saye ij ffalse Blocke of Tynne weyinge iiij C iiij q3 vj lb being praysed at ffiftie shillinge the C amounte vnto xij li. more ij other blocke of ffalse Tynne weying v C di viij li praysed at xxxvij s. iiij d. the C amounte vnto x li v s. iiij d. Sm of Both amounte vnto xxij li vs. iiij d.

Itm R^s of the hands of Robert younge for the gifte and bequest of S^r peter warrisson clerk towarde the making of a Standing Cupp iiij li.

Itm R^s the xxij day of march 1565 for vntoched ware ij s.

Itm R^s the xvijth daye of June for vntoched ware iiij s. iiij d.

Charge for setting owt of twoo Soldyers as maye appeare by a presept sent vnto the Company from the lorde mayo^r the xvij day of Julye Anno Dñi 1566, the right honorable Richarde Champion then beinge Lorde mayo^r which soldiers were sent to Ireland. Sm vli iiij s. viij d.

Itm pd the xxx daye of novemb^r to the prayzers of the exchequer for their paynes taking in praying the fforfayte Tynne vj s. viij d.

Itm pd to m^r Alderman Rowe for the Benyvolence of the Company towarde the newe intended Bursse agreed at a Courte of assystaunce xl s.

The Livery Companies liberally contributed to Sir Thomas Gresham's project for erecting a Burse or Exchange, as a meeting-place for London merchants. The building was opened by the Queen in 1571.

Itm pd to the Bargemen to drinke because they did Rowe so lustelie at the clothinge desire iiij d.

1566-7. *At* the same Courte [29th January] yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce that there shoulde be a dynner kept for the buriall of m^r John Daye for the whole Clothing and their wif^e to be made in o^r hall the iiijth daye of ffebruarie next and m^{rs} Daye hath geven toward^e the same dynner in monie iij li And it is agreed that the assistance and their wif^e shall paye xij d. a man and the rest of the clothinge xvj d. a man. So there is chosen steward^e for the same dynner Roger ffarthing and John Bowlting.

At the same Courte [21st February] Thomas Nicoll^e payde in the name of a ffyne for that he came not to powles to wayte vppon the Lorde mayo^r the three ffestyvall vsuall daies having lawfull warning and also for being absent at the buriall of m^r Turner the Smⁿ of iiij s.

Taken [20th March] of a Tynkerde a beame of Latten made in Jemris called a Stomara.

Taken [21st April] of Robert wright of the Bank^e side, one Salt gilt, iiij white pec^e, ij gilte pec^e and ij casters.

Taken [same date] of Thomas glenton in Tow^rstreate iiij stone pott^e Lydded w^t fflaunders Lidde.

James TaBerner was called before the Court [14th May] ffor that he hathe ffalslie and deceiptfull^ye wrought the knopps of xxvj^t still^e and filled the same knopps w^t lead^e contrarie to the true order of making of them . . . And for the Trespas that he nowe hathe done his marcke is taken from hym which heretofore was admitted hym, and that he nowe shall haue a marck w^t a doble ff, for that this is not the first tyme that he hathe trespassed in the Companye.

Richarde Bayte [shall pay] from hensforthe [5th June] yearely vnto the Company ij s. [for his 'dueties'] that is to saye to the clothing xij d. vnto the yemandrie vj d. vnto the Beadle iiij d. and to the clarcke ij d.

At a Courte holden the same daye [18th June] by the m^r wardens and assistaunce yt was agreed that there shoulde be geven a lycence vnder the Seale of the howse vnto Wifftm marshall, Robert hewet and John Thomas of maydstone pewterers for the Execuconⁿ and disabolishing all hawkers for any manner of mettall wⁱⁿ kent and Sussex and ell^e wheare

as they shall haue occasion, So that they be bounde vnto the companye in one hundrethe pounde that they shall not doo anything contrary to the lawes and Statute of this Realme nor doo any other act whereby it might be hurtfull vnto the Companye.

At the same Courte yt was agreed by the m^r wardens and assis-
taunce that Edwarde watson of newe castle shoulde be admitted in to
the company and hathe paide all the duties due vnto the companye for
all thinge vntill mighelmas next w^{ch} was xijs. that is to saye viijs. to the
m^{rs} and iijs. to the yemandrie. And father it is agreed that the saide
watson shoulde haue a Testymoniall w^t the Seale of the howse that he is
a freeman and pewterer of london, and that o^r trade is to buye and sell all
mann^r of mettall.

The claim "to buy and sell all manner of metal" is a wide interpreta-
tion of the Company's trade that would not commend itself to the
Goldsmiths', Armourers' and Braziers', Ironmongers', Blacksmiths', and
other Companies.

At a Courte holden the same daye [21st July] by the m^r, wardens
and mooste parte of the whole felowshipp Yt was agreed that Edwarde
Reo shall not from hensforthe betaken as one of the assis-
taunce neither yet to haue his place as he hadd before but to be as a Brother of the
Companye and that his marcke shalbe taken owt of the hall, and maister
Gerie to haue his marcke set vpp In the same place.

From this it appears that it was a privilege of the Assistants to have
their "marks" set up in the Hall.

The following extract from the City Records is found in Letter
Book V, fol. 113.—*Martis* xxij^{do} die Julii Anno nono (Elizabethæ Reginae)
predicto *Item* it was this day ordered by the courte here for diuerse
good causes & consideracons especially movinge the same, that the hole
company and incorporacon of the pewterers of this Cyttye shall enter
into bonde to the Chamberlyn of this Cyttye in the some of D^{li} vnder
ther Comen Seale to be indorsed with condycōn that if they or there
successors doe not at any tyme hereafter make or cause to be made
amonge themselves at there comen hall or any other place or places
whatesoeuer any maner of lawe acte constitucon or ordynaunce contrary

or repungnant to any clause article braunche or sentence of the Acte of parliament made Anno xix^{no} Henrici Septimi Capit. vij^{mo} concernynge the makinge of statutes by bodies incorporate within any cyty Bourowghe or Towne corporate wⁱⁿ this Realme nor lymytt shall or appoint a generaltie amonge themselves any maner of price or prices in certentie of eny manner of kinde or sorte of their vessells or other wares whatsoever whiche they doe comenlie vtter and sell or put to sale but doe levie [allow] everie person and psons of ther said Companie at his and ther frewill and libertie to vtter and sell his goods and wares as he and they biers therof can reasonable agree among them selves That then the said bonde to be voide and of none effecte. And the Wardeyns of the said Companie haue this daie Seuennight to be here again for the accomplishment therof.

At a Courte holden the same daye [22nd September] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and assistaunce, for that the assistaunce is worne awaye they haue taken in to their assistaunce, Robert chawno^r, Wille^m Readman, Thomas Burton, and John Cacher.

M^o there is Remayning in the howse of fynne forfayte mettall taken this yeare xxix li praised at v d. the pounce xij s. j d. more in Triffills & xiiij bottells done w^t corse flaunders mettall xiiij li at ij d. the pounce ij s. iiij d., more in flaunders mettall weing xxxiiij li at ij d. the pounce viij s. vj d., more a Tynkerd^e beame xij d. **S^m** of all xxij s. xj d. whereof the Quenes mat^{tie} is to be answered the one moitie.

I^{tem} R^s of Nicholas bodam for one whole yeares Rent due at midsomer
1567 xiiij s. iiij d.

Nicholas Bodam was the Company's Beadle, and from 1560 had been tenant of a house adjoining the Hall in Lime Street.

Charges in the parlyament for the Sute agaynst the occupying of Stone pott^e agreed by the assistaunce.

The total expense was 3*l.* 1*s.*, of which at least 2*s.* was expended in gifts to the Speaker and others.

I^{tem} for half a C xxiiij foote of borde to make a newe dore going in to the yarde by the well in o^r hall iiij s. vj d.

Charge at mydsomer for the watche according to a presept sent by the lorde mayo^r.

This was for the Marching Watch. The total payments amount to 18s. for cressets, straw-hats, escutcheons, and two gallons of "ale for the pore men."

Item pd for the charge of m^r Reo and hughe Colliers prentice at Brydewell and in the Counter vjs. ij d.

Bridewell was the City prison for incorrigible apprentices.

Item pd to Shepperd the sponemaker for that was geuen hym of charitie towardē the losse of his Spones iiij s.

Item pd to the goldsmith for silver put to the Cupp w^{ch} S^r peper [Sir Peter Warryson] gaue to the hall for the knopp weing ij oz di a quarter [2¾ oz.] price xij s. iiij d.

Item for making and gilding of the same knopp x s.

Item for Graving & Enameling the armes of y^e craft in y^e same iiij s. iiij d.

Item pd to Roger ffarthing over and aboue the lvjs. iiij d. w^{ch} was loste of m^{rs} Ashlins buriall to buye the damaske tableclothe and ij dof of damaske napkins xxx s. iiij d.

Item pd for a Case to put S^r peters Cupp in vjs. viij d.

Item pd for mony spent by Thomas Elyot Renter-warden for ij tymes abowt the Reentrie made by hym for the Rent of the Aungell and for making a quittance ijs. vj d.

Item pd to Sargeaunt Gefferie for his Councell abowt the Aungell v s.

Item pd for the charge of Thomas Eliot & bodams going downe to Southflite to m^r Sidley to tender his Rent for the aungell w^{ch} he Refused to receyue ijs. iiij d.

Item pd for a potle and a pynt of Sack to put in to the botle w^{ch} was sent to m^r Sidley xij d.

Charge layde owt for the answering of Edwarde Reo when he brought the Company before the Lorde mayo^r 1567.

Item pd the xv of Julye for o^r dynner at the bull hed in chepe that daye we went to guilde hall abowt m^r Reos matter to appeare

before the lorde mayo^r and Court of aldermen where we sat from viij vntill xij of the clock wayting when we shoulde be call for and was not iiij s. x d.

Item pd for o^r dynner at the popes hedd in lomb^rstreat the xvij of July y^t daye we being before the Courte of aldermen for E. Reos matter vj s. ij d.

Item pd for the acknowledg of a Recognisaunce where the m^r wardens and iij of the assystaunce were bounde in xl^{li} apece for to appere at every Court of aldermen vntill the matter were ended xij s.

Item pd to mr Towne clarck for the Copie of Edwarde Reos bill of complaynt & the coppie of o^r Recognisaunce iiij s. iiij d.

Item pd for o^r dynner at the kingshed the xxij daye of Septem^br w^{ch} daye Edward Reo and Somers was sent for to a court of assistaunce in o^r hall vj s.

The expenses of the controversy with Edward Reo, who was removed from the Court of Assistants (p. 255) and probably made complaint of this to the Court of Aldermen, amounted to rather more than four pounds. The statement consists of 14 items, including the five immediately above.

1567-8. *Gabriell Spencer* is lycensed to open Shopp the xijth day of february 1567 and hath paid therefore iijs. iiij d. His m^r Robt Hustwaith hath made Report of his substaunce xx mks.

Another apprentice who was licensed at the same Court was reported to be worth 40 marks.

At a Courte holden the same day [18th March] by the m^r wardens and Assistentes Mabell Conewey dwelling in Horshed Aley Saith about a fortnight ago that Roger Isad his man cam home to her house to one Mother Jone wth a dosen of Sawcers The said Mabell demaunded of the said Isade man May this woman go about to sell these Sawcers yea mary said the felowe my m^r will warant her. The said Mother Jone saith she hath solde for the same Roger Isad about a vj dosen And for George Sarples and Thom^s Jonson iij or iiij dosen a pece The Said Jone hathe solde and began to sell aboute a moneth ago these Sawcers She p^d for eu^y dosen ijs. vj d. And sold them for ij s. viij d. And iiij s. a dosen to her frende.

At the same Courte [7th May] it was agreed that the Goodman Bodham shall haue no more libertie of the garden nor hall vntill the Company se farther Cause Nor that there shalbe no more weddinge kept in the Hall.

At a Courte holden the same daye [17th June] by the m^r wardens and Assistent^e it was agreed that Jo Atkeys should put away a Boy named Jo Jonson whom he hath bound by the statute of wynchester Betwene this and mychelmas next at the farthest.

See p. 234 for the provisions of the Statute of Winchester.

At a Courte holden the same day [7th August] by the m^r wardens and assistent^e It was agreed That where there dothe lacke Assistent^e to be associated wth The Assistent^e nowe and to Sit in Court^e It is ordered that it shalbe leafull for The M^r wardens and Assistent^e to take in one of the younger Clothinge at their plesure to be vpper warden and to supply the rome thereof And to be taken as vpper warden for that yere As well as one that hath ben warden hertofore Alwais Provided and it is agreed that when he hath supplied the whole yere of the Said wardenship He shall not go ne sitte in place before any other of the Company That haue byn warden before hym But in order as a younger wardē As hath heretofore byn don That is to say as a last chosen younger warden.

At the same Courte it was also agreed that if it chaunce any one man to be Chosen to be warden and haue not borne the office of M^r nor warden of the yeomanry he shall pay suche fyne to the house as shalbe Judged by the M^r wardens and Assistent^e for the same office.

At the same Courte [23rd September] it was agreed by the whole Company that there shoulde Be no spones made of Bras or latten or any yelow metall vppon payne that if any pson hereafter be found that he doth make any suche spones shall forfeyt and pay for eu^y spone iij s. iiij d. The said Spones were lately Invented by John God And he hath confessed he hath made but iij dosen one dosen he hath solde to one at Algate And an other Stranger hath bought one other dosen And the third dosen the Goodman of the Castell in wood strete must haue them And if there be found any more of the same God^e makynge He shall pay for eu^y Spone iij s. iiij d.

At the same Courte [13th December] it was agreed to aunswere Mr Aldeman Heyward Concerning the Sale of the Angell as foloweth ffirst he shall pay for the Companies Interest xliiij li And shall saue the Company harmles from Mr Sydley and all other psons for any thinge that the Company shall happen to do Concerning the said Sale of their Interest of w^{ch} xliiij li there must be paid by Mr Sydley for quyt Rent, iij li.

In p^{8 d.}mis pd for the hiar of a Barge to westminster a drome player, Russhes and wifflynge Staffe ^{25 ss.} ^{12 d.} xxviij s. iij d. ^{20 d.}

Item pd to Bodam for his paynes attendinge vppon the saide men as a wyffeler xij d.

This was at the Midsummer Watch. The duty of the wifflers was to clear the way as an advanced guard in front of the pageant. Bodam was the Company's Beadle.

Item pd at the guilde hall when the company was discharged of their Recognysaunce for m^r Reos matter ij d.

Item pd for ij C di of nayles spent in the garret abowt the makinge of the wyndowes and the frame to hang vpp the harnes xij d. ob.

Item pd for viij ells of Canvas to hang abowt the frame of the harnes and ouer for dust v s.

Item pd for one morrispike xvj d.

Item pd to Abraham hartwell Scoller of Cambridge towarde the buying of his Bookes agreed by assistaunce xx s.

Item pd and layde in to the Quenes ma^{ts} lotterie xl s.

The Corporation, the Livery Companies, and the Merchant Adventurers' Company were invited to take part in this lottery. The scheme was new to the citizens, and its purpose was to raise money for the repair of harbours and for various public objects.

Item pd to John Sherwyn for the debt of Edward loton for the whiche all his Tooles lyeth in the hall vppon a Bill of Sale xv li.

Item pd to Abraham hartwell Scoller of cambridge for one half yeares exebeicion due at mydsomer 1568 x s.

- Item** pd to a gardener for bynding vp the arber and Roses in the garden for one daye xvj d.
- Item** pd for half a yarde and half a qztr & a naile of Redd Crymson velvet for the m^r & wardens garlande xvj s. viij d.
- Item** pd to m^r Tailebushe Goldsmithe for the making of the Armes of the crafte and the Scochins that be abowt the same Garlande and so the olde Scochins and pendaunts are altered xvij s.
- Item** pd to m^r Tybballs man of the Exchequier for his paynes taking for the Coming for the Quenes mony wch the howse doth owe and we had councell not paye it as yet by m^r Secretary of the Counter xij d.
- Item** pd to m^r Tyball Receyvo^r of the Quenes mony in the Exchequier for mony due vnto the quene as maye appeare by his Quittaunce
xj li. xvj s. iiij d.
- Item** more I aske alowaunce for the Bakinge of Custerde and Tartes owt of the howse at the same [the Master's] dynner for that the Ovens were broken iiij s.
- Item** pd to Nicholas bodam for liij dayes takinge paynes about the saide worke over and above the L^s [50s.] he owith to the howse agreed at the Courte of assistaunce x s.
- This payment was for superintending repairs to the Company's property. Bodam the Beadle, notwithstanding his somewhat varied sources of income, seems to have been constantly in low water.
- Item** more lent vnto bodam for that he ought the saide x s. for rent of his howse and so was wthowt monye, agreed by the saide Courte w^{ch} he nowe owith to the howse the S^m of xx s.

1568-9. *At* a Courte holden the first daye of Apriell 1569 in the Eleventh yeare of the Raigne of ow^r Soveraigne Lady Quene Elizabeth etc[?] by the maister wardens assistaunce and moost parte of the whole clothinge yt was agreed and ordayned that all howsholders of the yemandrie shall wayte vppon the maister & wardens of the yemandrie to all offeringe and buriatle as they haue done in tymes past, And whosoeuer shall happen to offend and doo not come when they are warned, wthowt a Reasonable excuse shall paye for euery time iiij d. And also yt is agreed that all Jorneymen

shall also wayte vppon the m^r & wardens at all offeringe if they canne Conueniently goo vppon Lycence of theire maister Provided alwaies that all suche psonnes as haue the almas of the Company and be very pore men suche as the m^r & wardens of the yemandrie shall thinke be not able to geue their offeringe shall from tyme to tyme be Remytted for not goinge to offeringe and buriall^e so that the same pore men be alwaies from tyme to tyme nomynated and set downe herevnder what they are that be Remytted. [Yeomanry Accounts.]

At a Courte holden the same day [27th May] by the m^r wardens and Assistent^e George Hawkyn Citezen and Pewterer of London was Sworne and admitted to be Clerke of the Pewterer^e Hall.

At the same Courte [23rd June] it was agreed by the m^r wardens and Assistent^e That these psons hervnder mentioned [14 names follow] shalbe taken into the Clothinge and eu^y man to pay besides his spone xx s. a pece toward^e the making of a window mete for the Clerke to sit and write at and to lay his Bookes.

At the same Courte [9th September] it was agreed that the yeomanries dynner shalbe ppared accóding to auncient Custome The monday next after michelmas daye.

At the same Courte [28th November], holden by the maister wardenes and assistance, their was brought vnto them a precepte, directed one the parte and behalfe of our soueraigne ladie the qwenes maiestie, from Allexaundre Avenon, lorde Maior of the citie of London, by vertue and auctoritie wherof, their shoulde be sufficientlie furnyshed Twentye men, as expeditlie as might be possible, to be appointed and armed as Sowldiors into the Northe partes of this realme, againste the two rebellious rebels, the Earles of Westmlande and Norththumberlande; Eache of w^{ch} Souldiares to be appparelled in Jerkynes and gallye breeches of broade clothe of coloure watchet, and euerie one a Calliuer, wth flasket and tuchebox, a Morryan, a sworde, and a dagger, and xij d. a peece for their preste money; wherevppon, it was agreed by the saide m^r wardens and assistance, that the whole companye shalbe sessed and to be levied the some of lx ti. that is to saye of the Clothinge xli ti, and of the yeomanrye xx ti.

These twenty men were not immediately called out, but the Company was ordered to store their arms and accoutrements at Pewterers' Hall, and have them in readiness for immediate use at one hour's notice after receipt of a further precept from the Lord Mayor. This precept came in on 1st March, and the men were sent off to the North at a total cost to the Company of 78*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* The two earls raised a revolt against the Queen, and proclaimed their design of restoring the old religion. They overran the northern counties, but were speedily defeated by the Royal forces under the Earl of Sussex.

At a courte houlden the same daye [2nd December], it was agreed that m^r Warden Mathewe for that m^r Burton, who was Renter is deade, shall geather the rente for the companye as the Rentors haue done heretofore: And finallie it was as then decreed that the younger wardeine from thensfourthe to doo the like, and that therebe no more Renters chosen.

At the same courte it was agreed, that if any of the companye shoulde be hereafter called to beare thoffice of the younger warden, and hathe neuer borne office in the yomandrie before, shall paye to the craftes boxe iiij li.

On 30th December the Court considered the case of Francis Bawdwyn who had several times robbed John Collier his master both of goods and money. Having confessed his guilt, he was whipped there and then in open court.

The heading of the account for this year is subjoined as a specimen of the style then used. It may be compared with that for the year 1451-2, printed on page 15.

This is the accompte of m^r William Mills Maister of the Misterie of Pewterers of the Citie of London Thomas Nogay and Robert Chawner wardens of the same Crafte or Mistery from the feaste of Saint Michaell tharchaungell In the yere of our Lorde God one thowsande ffyue hundrethe thre score and eighte vnto the said ffeaste of Saint Michaell the Archangell in the yere of our lorde god one thowsand fyue hundreth thre score and nyne And in the eleuenth yere of the Reigne of our souereigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England ffraunce

and Irland Defendor of the ffaith &c That is to say for one whole yere complete And is for all S^{ms} of money by us receyued had paid and deliuered with other Implemente as may appere by this accompte as followethe.

J^{fm} pd vnto the Goodwif Broune the xxjth day of May Towardē the Buriall of her Husband x s.

Goodwife Brown was the widow of the Company's excellent Clerk who died this year.

1569-70. And it was agreed [16th March] that Hugh Colyers rose and crowne shalbe made lesser as m^{ris} Haiselles is, by cause none hathe so greate, but the qwenes maiestie.

At the same daie [14th April], Thomas wilshere complayned vppon Michell Thompson dwellinge at Sainte Mary Axe, for that he thretened him wth approbrious wordes saiege thou art a knaue and I will dresse the like a knaue, wth other thretninge wordes so that the saide wilshere saithe he is a fraide of his life, whervppon, it was agreed, that Thompson shulde be sent for the next courte daie.

At a courte houlden the same daie [5th July], it was ordered and decreed, that for asmuche as m^r Hardinge paid for the weddinge of his maide kepte in this haulte, the some of v s, that likewise the saide haule shalbe lett out for suche as shall marrye, beinge well adiudged of by the m^r and wardaines for the tyme beinge, to be honeste and discrete, shall paie for the hier of the haule at euerie suche tyme v s., And moreouer euerie suche persone so requiringe the saide haule, at euerie tyme shall paie to the Beadle, for his paines in that be halfe taken, the some of Twentie pence.

And it is further agreed that whereas Thomas Smackergill was couenaunte servante wth John Holstocke, that he shalbe sett at libertie, after he hath serued the said John Holstocke, duringe and vntill the laste daie of Awgust next ensuinge. So alwayes prouided that the said John Holstocke, do well and trulie paie him his waiges w^{ch} then shalbe due, fynde him meate drincke & all other thinges necessarye, and then the saide Thomas to paie his saide maister for all suche castinge mouldes as he heretofore hath rec^d of him.

It was also agreed at the same courte [14th July], that Humfrie ffrauncis, pewterer of Abington, shall haue a license from the companye for one yere, to dele wth Hawkers accordinge to the lawes of this realme, that is to saie, Barkshere, Oxfordshere, Wilshere, and Glocest^rshere, and to be bounde in C ti, to dele vprightly and trulie wherby the companye shall sustayne no reproche by his so dealinge.

At a courte houlden the same daie [1st August], Raffe Carter citizen and Salter of london was admitted our Clarke to endure so longe tyme, as he shall continue a faithfull seruante vnto this companye: Vnto whome was deliuered the libell of the moneye, by vs put into the qwenes Maiesties Lottarie, the somer before, conteyninge the Juste some of xl s.

George Hawkyn who succeeded Edmund Browne as Clerk held that office for little more than a year, and was succeeded in turn by Ralph Carter. The minutes and accounts for the next five years present a great contrast to those so beautifully kept by Browne. Ralph Carter's style is rambling and obscure, whilst his punctuation (here faithfully followed) is based on a system which was fortunately used only by its inventor. His troublesome penmanship and method of minuting continue to the year 1575.

The matter requested [14th November] by Richarde Corbyn, for the some of Twentie shillings, w^{ch} Arrettes wiff owed him: it is ordered, that hir apprentice shalbe solde, by thassente of the maister and wardeins, for hir mooste aduantage, and the monye redoundinge thereof to be clere discharge of the saide Corbynes dett. Prouided allwayes, that what surplusage of money, shall happen to surmounte ouer, and aboue the saide dette, by the sale of the saide apprentice, that euerye parte thereof shalbe whollye be to thonlie vse and behoufe of the same Arrettes wiff. any thinge to the contrarye not wth standinge.

It was the same daie [14th December], agreed, that noe persone ne persones, of this companie shall from hensfurthe vntill further ordre be herein taken, vtter or putto sale, eny pewter vessell, vnwroughte, of what sorte or manner soeuer they same be, to no persone, ne persones what-soeuer excepte it be to suche persone, and persones, as be free, citizens, and inhabyteng wthin the citie of london. Nor colourable caste, or melte

any perselle of tynne, as propperlye the goodes, of eny man, not beinge a citizen, and dwellinge wthin london, vppon payne and forfeiture in doinge the contrarie, for eu'ey hundred weighte, either putto sale, or melted (as aforesaide) tenne shillinges, the moyetie to the taker, thother to the companye.

Item paide to the churche wardeins of all Sainctes, in Lomberstreete vppon the daye of our feaste. as for vsinge the Ornamentes. of the same churche. xij d. **Item** paide to the Curate. and Clarke. of the saide Churche. vppon the same daye as for their accustomed dutis viij d. [Yeomanry accounts.]

Item receyued of the Collectors that ceased generallie the clothinge (at firste tyme) towards the charges of Twentie men, w^{ch} were sent into the Northe parts of this realme, against the two rebellious rebels, the Earles of Westmurlande, and Northumberlande xli ti

Memorandum, there was delyuered vnto Wiltm Pryor in oulde mettall (as the goodes of the hawle) remayninge in the Garret, these remembred percels, that is to saie, a Eleven stope pottell pottes, thirtene quartes potts, and in other olde laye mettall to asmuche as all sortes added togeathers make the in weight one hundred and a quarter, w^{ch} after iiij d. the pounce is iust xlvj s. viij d.

more (as then) there was deluyered him in oulde fyne mettalls (as goodes of the hawle) the iuste weighte of lxij li w^{ch} after v d. the pounce amountethe to the some of xxv s. x d.

Also there was delyuered him (as then) in Peake the iuste weight of twentie, eighte poundes, and so estymated worthe ij s. vj d.

Item rec^d the xvj of Thomas Hawke, as for a fyne, for strickinge Tho. Mott xij s. iiij d.

In primus paide to a draper, for asmuche Clothe of coloure Blewe, after ffyve shillinges the yarde, as apparalled the saide Twentie Souldiers, at firste tyme, : vnto the leaste of w^{ch} Jerkyns and slopps, there was two yardes and a halfe of london measures, all w^{ch} saide Twentie persones so cloothed, amounted to viij li. vj s. viij d.

- Item** paide to a draper at the seconde tyme, for ffourtene yardes of Clothe, (and of the same colloure) as clothed the rest of those whose apparrell was aswell embrasceled as wth houlden, and given, all w^{ch} amounted to iij li. x s.
- Item** paide to sundrie Tailors, at first tyme for makeinge the saide Jerkins, and gallie slopps at xx d. the peece & geven to the srvaunts to drink viij d. xxxiiij s.
- Item** paide at firste tyme, for asmuche Inckell of coloure redde and blewe, as poynced the saide Jerkins and Breeches the iuste some of xij s. iij d.
- Item** paide at the seconde tyme for the ynckle and ribon w^{ch} poynced the Jerkins & slopps, then lackinge. ij s. ix d.
- Item** paide for Eleuen Swordes, servinge for the saide supplie of men, wherof eighte coste iiij s. iiij d. the peece thother three, coste iij s. the peece xliij s. viij d.
- Item** paide the saide Souldiers, after sixe pence the daie, as for their sallarie and wages, that is to saie, from the firste daie of december, vntill the Thurtie daie of the same monthe xiiij li. xs.
- Item** paide vppon the xx^{ti} daie of december, as was agreed in the little parloure, vnto xiiij Souldiers beinge Pewterers, ouer and aboue their wages v s.
- Item** paide vnto m^r Cunstable, and m^r mellawes, who were appointed as graunde Capteynes, to haue the conducte of the said souldiers, at what tyme they depa'ted from the citie of London x s.
- Item** we fynde Nicholas Boddam, is indepted to the howse, as appeareth vppon the pamphilet of the last accompt in Ann^o Dni^o 1569 xx s.

1570-1. **I**f was also agreed [21st June], & ffullie ordered, for vniformities sake, that from hencefurthe it shoulde not be lawfull, for none of the companye to goo home, to waite of the maister, & wardeins, euerie yere, to be ellected, and chosen, aboue the number of twelue persones, in one companye, of whiche saide number one of thassistaunce, to goe whome wth either of the wardeins, soe yerelie to be chosen, : And fynallie that therebie none of the companies wives, doe enterprice to goe home, to the newe m^r and wardeins howses, excepte they be willed or required there vnto.

A precepte was then receyued from the Lorde mayor, for sixe Cressette, lightes, to be made readye againste Midsomer evon, and also apt men to the number of sixe to beare them, and to euerie to [two] Cressettes, one bagge bearer, as also a requeste for two discrete persones, to attende vppon the saide Cressett, bearers. called wyfflers, : all w^{ch} to be readie at Leadon haule, before the houre of ix of the clock.

All the Companies took part in the great pageant of the Marching Watch, which was made ready at Leadenhall, where most of the "properties" of the City pageants were kept.

Mistres Haysseff (beinge at this courte) [3rd August] was in daunger, to be fyned, for that she beinge complayned on was thoughte to haue boughte tenne peces of Tynn of m^r Alderman Bonde, wthout Cloffe. contrarie to thordynaunce of this howse: and duellie examyned was founde to be in faulte, yet because of pleadinge ignoraunce, to thordynaunce she was pardoned of the saide offence.

Roberte Collyer, (as mallapearte, as Stollida quotidie) wolde nedes [5th October] haue his pewter vessell restored to him againe, and not requested, to haue it againe, for that qd he, the matter obiected, againste me, is perdoned and ended, by the fynall determynation of my Lorde Maior, wth a number of other fflowtinge woordes, verrie vnsemeley, of so younge an ympe to be vttred, or spoken, in so graue, and worshipfull an Audyence: But yet perseueringe in his loftye stomache, departed in greate rage, from their present^e wthout eny leave takinge.

This is a rich example of Ralph Carter's grandiloquent style of minuting.

Item receyued of the guifte of mystres Haynes, for and towardes a recreation to be made emongeste the companie, at their pleasures, the some of xx s.

Item receyued of a Gentleman. in Julie laste. for permytinge a deade Corpes. to stande in the hawle, duringe three houres, the some of xiiij s. iiij d.

Item receyued of Roberte Prentice, as for a fyne, in that he packed and solde to Sturbridge fayre laste, as was crediblie enformed by m^r Allen, asmuche wares, of all sortes, as he supposed, waied vij C, & for

that he was fyned. a marke of mony. this Accomptaunte, chargeth hym selfe to haue receyued of the saide Prentice, a goulde Ringe. for the said marke of mony xiiij s. iiij d.

Item receyued of Roberte Collier, as for a fyne, of xx s. in that he contemptuouslie, exclaymed to the L. Mayor of london, of m^r w^m Curtis, before he soughte his remedie at the m^r & wardeins handes, asmuche pewter vessell as is in weighte lxxxxiiij li di xx s.

Item receyued vppon the vth courte daie, of Raffe Straye, for that he on the L. mayors feaste daie, had not on his lyuerie gowne xij d.

Item receyued vppon the seconde q^{tr} daie, of John Tucker. for that three Stills heades, were vntouched xij d.

Item receyued vppon the. xiiijth courte daie, of Edwarde Harper. (as for a fyne.) in that on Lam̄as daie [1st August] laste, he came to the gilde haule, wthout his lyveroye gowne xij d.

Item receyued of John Chestar. for that he came to the gilde hawle, to the seconde ellection of the Shrive. of London. not havinge on his lyuerie gowne vj d.

Item vppon the xvth courte daie, there was receyued of Ric Corbyn, for that he sette certeyne wares, on an other mans stawle, contrarie to order xij d.

Item paide vppon the xxij^{ti} daie of Januarye, laste. (beinge the daie, that the Qwenes Ma^{tie} dyned at S^r Thomas Gressshams) for carienge the fframe. to the place where the companye then did stande. to attende her highnes commynge xxij^{ti} d.

This was Queen Elizabeth's famous visit to the City, when Her Majesty honoured Sir Thomas Gresham by visiting his house, and afterwards proceeded in state to open the new Burse, which she ordered to be proclaimed as the Royal Exchange.

Item paid for ffire, the same mornynge. to warme those of the companie, w^{ch} staid thothers commynge vj d.

Item paide in the Evenynge of the same daie, for six staffe Torches. w^{ch} were burnte in lightinge the qwenes highenes, throughe the citie, to hir courte, w^{ch} then was at Som̄sete place, wthout temple barre of london vjs.

Item paide then for foure smale staves. servinge for those w^{ch} were appoynced, as wyfflers. to garde the companie from the thruste & violence of people xij d.

The charges for the Midsummer Watch this year include 7s. 6d. paid to nine Cresset bearers, and three "Bagge bearers" to attend on them; 16s. 6d. for 36 stone of Cresset light at 5½d. the stone; 2s. 7d. for 9 straw hats; 4d. for lace to make "poynts" or bows for the hats; 2s. 6d. for 12 "Skutchins" of the arms of the Company fixed upon the hats; and 4d. for drink "expended vppon the saide nyne persones at their goinge out of the hawle."

1571-2. John Catcher, and maister Allen, then p^{ri}te [13th March], semed, bothe, in countenaunce, and woordes, muche, to, myssevse, them selues, not onlie, to the maister, him selfe, but to thassistauncē, whose names, are herevnder appearinge.

ffirste maister Allen, (very superfluouslye) reappinge vppe, olde matters, when as the grieve, of his mynde, shoulde haue bene vttred, coulde saie nothinge, but that he was mysvsed, by maister Curtis, and beinge demaunded, wherein, the saide Curtis, myssvsed him. in faithe, quoth he, a nomber awayes; quoth the m^r. wherein one. whie, quoth the saide Allen, it is but follie, for me, to prate, more, sithens ye be, all lyncked, togeathers, and therefore, wth your greate god, (the said Curtis.) by whome, ye be whollie ruled, I leave to trouble you, any further.

The saide Maister Curtis, then. and there presente, earnestley, required, the saide maister. Allen, (if eny faulte, on his parte had bene commytted.) towards him. to forgive it, and he wthall his harte, in like sorte, (as hartely. as he woulde, be forgiven, at godes handes,) did then vtterley renounce, to owne any malice, or grudge, towards him, the same m^r Allen.

And as for maister Catcher, he stouteley affyrmed, that it was, but a follie, for him, to vtter, his grieve, to eny of the saide maister wardeins, or assistaunce, for quoth he, hathe not Maister Curties, saide dyuers, tymes, to me, and in your hearinges, prate what I cann, doe what thowe canstes do. saie what thou wilte saie, for thowe arte like, to haue, no manner, of

remedie here (wth other vayne talke,) not thoughte mete, to be vttered, of so honeste a personage, muche les to trouble, this booke, wth suche fryvelous speeche.

The issue of this quarrel does not appear. "Master" William Curtis was the brother of Alderman Sir Thomas Curtis, and seems to have been at times somewhat unpopular with certain members of the Livery.

If was also, ordered [30th August], that from hensfurthe, for euer-more, theldeste man, of the clothinge, shall haue, in his kepinge, one of the keyes, of the redde chestes, and the vpper wardeine, thother, and thus orderlye, to contynue alwayes.

And likewise, [10th December], that all pettie Sawyers, throughout the whole companye, shalbe before Candlemas nexte, be called ynn, and not vttered, to be solde, to eny persone, or persones, not vnder ffoure poundes in weighte, the dossen, or thereabouts, vppon payne, of fforfeiture, of all suche sawcers, as from thencefurthe, shalbe made contrarie to this ordynaunce. Any ordynaunce or provyso, heretofore made, to the contrarie hereof, in eny wise notwthstandinge.

Ifem receyued of John Jackson, as for a fyne, of not beinge this yeare, m^r of the yeomanrie iij li.

Every liveryman was obliged in turn to hold the offices of Warden and Master of the Yeomanry. The posts were burdensome and their duties no doubt trying. Constant requests occur to be excused from serving on payment of a fine.

Ifem receyued as for certeyne pewter vessells, in man^r of vyces, of fflaunders makinge, w^{ch} were founde, wthin the shoppe of John ffowell, haberdassher, vppon the xx^{ti} daie of Maie laste, from whome was taken, & seised, to thuse of the Quenes Ma^{tie}, as forfaite, by the lawes of this realme. eghte Glasse bottles, vysed wth forraine pewter three Smale pewter Tasters, two Smale Pottingers, and foure salt^e. valued in the whole at. ijs. Thone halfe whereof, to thuse of the Companie is readie mony xij d.

Ifem paide vnto the Clarke, accordinge to an agremente had, & made at the laste Accompte daie, for & towards a recompence of his trauailes, the yeare paste xx s.

Item spent at the Dolphin, in fishestreete, vppon the eightene, daie of October laste, as for so muche given by Richard Mannyng, at the buriall of his wiffe, for and towards a recreation, emongeste the whole Lyveorie xx s.

Item paide, to olde father Stokes, as for his paynes, trauaylinge, to the laste parlyamente, in furtheringe, a bill, for the reformation to be had, of vnlawfull measures xxx s.

Hereafter, ensuethe, the perticuler charges, of furnisshinge fiftie, and seven men, appoynted for a shewe, to be made before the qwenes Maiestie, at Grenewiche vppon Maie daie laste.

In prymus paide to Christofer Haddam as for twentie newe Callyvers, servinge for bullion shotte, beinge througlie furnished, aswell wth chargers, and rammers, as wth Mouldes, faixes, & tuche boxes
xij li xij d.

Other items, under the heads of Powder, Matches, Murryans, Sarsenet, Victualls, Swordes, and Wages, bring up the whole charge to 42*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* Musters of the citizens were frequently held in the presence of the Sovereign during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth. The Companies contributed their levies, all of whom were richly apparelled.

Item, paide vnto the Mayors officer, as for his paynes, attendinge vppon the m^r, and wardens, goinge into Bartholmewe fayre xij d.

The following memoranda of receipts and payments are entered at the end of the Audit Book (29) for 1530–1572.

An^o 1553. the xx^{the} daye of niche. **Mony** gathered of the whole Company for the Advauncement and gyfte toward^e the payment of ij m^t mark^e graunted enacted & agreed by the comen Councell of the Cyte of london ffor the Quenes highnes to mayntayne a garysson of men that her ma^{te} entendeth to kepe, neare the Cyttye of london, as well for the suerty of her Ryall psonne as for the savegard of the sayde Cyttye as by Comys syon apearyth for the Sm of xxx ^{li} which was gevyn & gathered of theyse psonnes folowyng, An^o Regni Dñe Regine Marie &c p^{mo} m^r kyng-worthe m^r, Mighell heytwaye & Willm Baker wardens.

The names and contributions follow, the latter amounting to 33*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* Further particulars appear on pp. 176–7. The assessment gave rise to some dissatisfaction, which was peremptorily put down by an order of the Court of Assistants, printed at the bottom of p. 177.

Mong geuen of the Company towardē the Charge and costē of the plyment, in the tyme of m^r kylyngworth, mr, Mighell heytwaye and Willm Baker wardens in An^o 1554 as ffolowth.

The amount of this collection is 25*s.* 4*d.* (See p. 177.)

1572–3. **F**irste, it was agreed, [18th February] that a Bill shoulde be exhibited, to my lorde wardeine of the Stannnerie for the reformaconⁿ, of thabuses, dalie commytted, by the Connyers, of Tynneworkers, in the weste countrie.

At a Court meeting held on the 16th October it was ordered that Lynch the Armourer should make and keep clean all the armour and weapons belonging to the Company, receiving in return xxvj*s.* viij*d.* as his yearly wages.

In w^{ch} charge, it was condicioned, that he shoulde as often, as nede-fullie required, havinge powder founde, him, at the companies charge, blowe of, all the Callyvers, belonginge, to the saide companye, fynde, and provyde, all and almanner, of Buckels, latches, and other, Artilments, whatsoeuer, to all the Armor, and weapons, of the howse. [Also to be ready to cast aside his own business at the command of the Prince, or the Company, and be ready to do whatever was required of him.]

At the Court meeting held on the same day a disagreement between Thomas Wansworth and John Boulting was happily determined as follows.

And for, amore conformytie, of a brotherlie love, betwene them, the saide John Bowltinge, at his charges, shall before the feaste of Christmas, nexte make a dynner, or supper, invytinge, and byddinge, the same Thomas Wanswoorthe, and his wiffe, therevnto, and in conveniente tyme after, the saide Thomas, Wansworthe, to doo the like, not omyttinge therein, there good mother in lawe, and so to contynue thensfurthe, lovers, and freindes eche of them, to others, like as the bandes, of Mutuall charetie, willeth and requirethe.

The two following lists of contributions (*i.*) towards the cost of ceiling the Hall, and (*ii.*) towards the gift made to Alderman Curtis in his Shrievalty, are at the end of Audit Book 29, which covers the years 1530-1572.

The Seallyng of the hall.

And that m^r Thomas Curtys alderman made the Sealyng at the highe bourde of the hall of his owne proper coste and charge in the moneth of June in An^o 1551.

And that m^{rs} ashlyn late the wif of walter ashlyn made the Sealyng of the west syde of the hall of her owne proper coste & charge in the monethe of Maye An^o 1552.

And that the East syde of the hall was sealed at the coste and charge of the clothing as apearyth on the next syde folowyng.

And that the lower ende of the hall called the north side was Sealed at the coste and charge of m^r Edwarde Cacher of his owne proper goods. And the Armes that is set vppon the same Seling was done at the Coste and charge of John Cacher his Sonne.

And that the Armes at the highe bourde that is set in the Seling was donne at the prop coste and charge of m^r Wiltm Curtes.

And that the Armes that is set in the Sealing on the west side of the hall was done at the prop coste and charge of lawrence Ashlyn.

And that the Armes that is set in the Sealing on the east side of the hall was done by certayne of the Companye that is to saye, m^r Rowlandson m^r Mille m^r Gerie, m^r Allyn, m^r Loton, m^r Hassill, and m^r Gardener.

Mony gevyn Towarde the Scelyng of theaste Syde of the hall in the tyme of m^r Cary being m^r of the Crafte, Henry Clarck and Mighell heytwaye Wardens in An^o 1553. [The amount is 14*l.* 12*d.*]

The charge of the foresayde Scelyng of the Easte Syde of the hall.

In p^rmis pd to Rypley Joyⁿ for the Joyners work & sealyng of the East syde of y^e hall in the tyme of m^r Cary, m^r Henry Clarck and Mighell heytwaye wardens xj li.

Itm pd to Jackson Carpenter for viij doble quarters iiij syngle quarters for nayles & for a dayes work for the Ca^rpenter to Nayle behynd the sayd Scelyng to staye the Joyners worke vij s. ij d.

Item pd by m^r heytwayte, to Wille^m Baker of the Rest of the mony that Remayned of the benyvolence of the company gevyn towards the Sealyng xx s.

And there dothe Remayne more of the same mony in m^r heytwayte hande xxxiiij s. x d.

A Remembraunce of them of the felowshype of pewterers that gaue theyre benyvolence to m^r Thomas Curtys shryue of London towarde his Charge for takyng vpon hym to be shryue whyche mony was geuyne hym the xx daye of Octobr in An^o domini 1546 And in the xxxviij yeare of the Raigne of o^r souveraigne lorde kynge Henry the viijth kynge of England ffraunce and Irlande defensor of the fayth and of the Church of Englande & Irlande the Supreme hed. [The contributions follow in sums varying from 3s. 4d. to 40s., and make a total of 35*l.* 8s.]

Whiche was deluyered as folowithe.

Item paide to my lorde mayors stewarde towarde the charge of the mayors feaste By m^r shryues commaundmente xxx li.

Item p^d for yo^r Henchemans cote of blewe bryge [Bruges] satten & doblet of yelowe bryge satten and a payre of yelowe hose lynynge & makynge xx s. vj d.

Item pd for gerdles of red cades for xxxvj offycers at mydsomer iij s.

Item deluyered to m^r Shryues owne hande in Redy monye iij li. iij s. vj d.
S^m xxxv li. viij s.

Be y^t Remeñbred that the sayde craft gaue vnto the sayde m^r shryue for his dynⁿ the morowe after myghelmas daye whiche dynⁿ was kepte at the pewterers Hall whiche daye he was presented in the kyngs Exchecker vpon theyre ffree gyfte owte of the craft boxe vij li

For further particulars of this dinner *see ante* p. 153.

1572-3. Item receyued, of William Hues. pewterer. as for kepinge of his weddinge. in the saide hawle ij s.

Item receyued, of mistres Hustewaite, as for hir husbandes benevolence given to the companie, of intente to be spente, emongeste them, ymmediatelie after his deceasse xx s.

Item receyued, of m^r Curtis. vppon the tenthe, daie of December laste, as for a full discharge, of m^r Sydleyes, obligation, conteyninge his dette, due to the companie, for releassing of their. title & intreste, of and in the Aungell. in Thamys streate, the some of . xvj l. xiiij s. iiij d.

Item receyued, of Nicholas Jurdeine, citezen and Merchaunt taylor, of london, whome married the wife, of thafore named Roberte Hustwaite, as in parte, of paymente, of a more some. agreed to be paide by him, to thuse, of the companie, for acceptinge him as a Brother, to and emongeste them, from the saide companie of Merchaunttailors, the some of x li.

Item receyued, of an Ittallion. as for five weekes, vsinge, the Hawle, of the saide companies, by the sighte, of a mooste artifyciall, and warlike castle, neuer before seene iiij li vj s.

Item receyued then, of Anthonie Smythe, as for his benevolence, to the companie, attendinge on the buriall, of his wife xx s.

Item receyued by verdict, of xij men, in the courte of piepoulders, for Bartholomewe faire, as for a falce Beame, taken from, Thomas, kempe the belfounder in houndsditch, ouer, and aboue, the quenes maiesties parte, to the Lorde, of the ffee, then allowed xxxviiij s.

A Court of Piepoudre [dusty foot] or Piepowder was held at every fair for speedy adjudication upon disputes and for punishment of offences. It received its name from the expeditious methods of its practice, judgment being pronounced whilst the dust was still on the feet of the suitors.

Item receyued, of Phillippe Deonise, in Barmesey Streete as for a five pounce weighte, two, two poundes waights, halfe a pounce weighte, and one quarter, of a pounce waighte, of leade, all w^{ch} were to [too] lighte, falce, ringed wth yron, and vnsealed, contrarye to the lawes, of this realme, and beinge seized, was furthwth tried in the courte of piepoulders, kepte for the saide faire tyme, to be mooste falce, and deceytfull, and the saide Phillippe deonise, therevppon, seinge presente daunger of condempnacion, by the sighte of Thomas Kempe, fainted in his Action, so wth lamentable teares, fell to composition, and wth these Accomptaunt^e, and so wth his freinde, became bounde to paie, for the same his greate deceite, in the saide five weights, at Michalmes followinge iiij l. xij s.

Item paide vnto the Lorde Mayor, of london, as for a benevolence graunted him by consente of Thassistaunces xls.

Item paide vnto Nicholas Boddam, as for his paynes, agreed by the whole clothinge, in trauaylinge [*i.e.*, labouring or working] aboute the prizes [prices], of wares, to be reduced into one rate x s.

The Beadle was a highly responsible officer, and entrusted with important duties.

Item paide vnto one of Boddams sonns, as for a yeares exhibicon^h graunted to him, for and towards his furthraunce in learninge fullie ended at Midsomer laste vj s. viij d.

Item paide for a proclamacion, tendinge to the reformation, of the greate abuse, latelie practized by Apprentizes, in excesse of apparraile, the some of ij d.

Item paide vnto therle, of Bedfordes. Secretarie. as for his paines, in makinge certeyne letters, directed downe. into Devonsheire, and Cornewale, for reformation to be had in, and aboute, the greate abuses dailie practized by the Tynners, in those partes v s.

Item paide to the two Atturneyes, as for their ffees, makinge the declarations, wth their reioynders, and ffees, due to the Judge, of the saide courte of piepoulders, in triall of the sixe actions, commensed againste the saide Thomas kempe, & Phillippe Deonise, as by a bill of particulers, withe their handes subscribed. more playnlie appeareth xlv s.

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sive ex-
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Item paide to ffoster, the clarke of the saide courte, as well for thentringe, of the sixe Actions. as for counsell, at the evydence givinge his ffees, of ij s. the peece, for everie one of the plees entringe vppon recorde, and so after that rate, for eu^y yssue so taken and filinge vppe, wth the wthdrawinge, of the Actions, the some of lvj s.

The indignant marginal note appears to be the comment of the auditors.

Item paide to Nicholas Boddam, in consideration of his paynes attendinge vppon the saide workemen x s.

The expenditure on these repairs amounted to 9*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.*, the Beadle acting as usual as superintending architect.

Item paide vnto m^r George Heaton, Chamberlayne, of London, as in respecte of provision to be made, for all mannⁱ of breade corne. in this tyme of skarcitie, for repaymente whereof. these Accomptauntes haue accepted, the saide Chamberlayne, dettor, to be paide the companie, accordinge to thorder, of the righte honourable S^r Lionell duckett knighte lorde Mayor of london, as in and by the saide bill obligatorie of his, more playnlie at large it dothe & maie appeare. xxij li. x s.

Item paide for breade, & drinke, at the three laste courte daies, the some of vj d.

1573-4. And for that, m^r Jurdeine [10th September] packed, w^houte vewe made, of the m^r or wardeins, a sixe barrells of Pewter, supposed to be in euerie barrell, a three hundrethe weighte, in the hole, xvij li and havinge laide, before him, the ordynaunces, of the howse, hee stubbernelie bad them doo, what they coulde, he woulde paye, no suche fyne: And therew^he, they forbadd him, to give from hensfurthe the Crowned bell, on suche wares, as he shoulde make wherebie to sell them againe. Excepte it weare for the vessell of the qweenes Maiesties howse onlie: He skoffingelie, answered them, that whatsoeuer, ordynaunces, they had, for that matter, he cared not a Rushe, for as he did vse yt, so woulde he, do still, and do they what they liste, or ells qd̄ he, I will spende twentie poundes. But that you sir, meaninge the m^r of the companie, [Mr. William Curtis] shall leave of, from givinge, the Rose and Crowne, wth sonne beames, as nowe you doo. Well, qd̄ the maister, for that matter I shall do well ynoughe, but see wheare you are nowe. What vsage, in wordes be these to your maister and wardeins. I care not, quoth the same Jurdeine, and seinge you do thus abuse me, I will laie downe my hooode and from hensfurthe neuer comⁱ emoungeste you, and yet will I kepe open shoppe, and give, the Crowned bell, in spite, of you all, and doo the beste, and wourste, you can, and therewth verie vnreverentlie before them all, did put on his cappe, flange awaye, as one that had bene madd, & in suche manner, departed he.

Item receyued, for five weddinge kepte in the hawle xxv s.

Item receyued of Nicholas Jurdeine, for a fyne, in beinge discharged, of the Stuardeshippe xij s. iij d.

- Item** receyued, of Thomas Wansworthe, for a fyne, of certeyne Stone pottē,
of his makinge, verie vnworkemanlie handled, the some of . xij d.
- Item** receyued, of Richarde Mason, sonne of Tho. Mason, while he lived,
citezen and Pewterer, of london, as for a ffyne, to be admytted, a free
brother of this companie, whose exercise, all the daies, of his life, was,
and yet is thoccupacon of a Cordewaynor, the some of xij s. iiij d.
- Item** paide vnto the Curate there [All Saints Lombard strete], at the
tyme of these accomptantē greate dynner, xij d. To the Clarkes, of
durie iij s. iiij d. To the Churchewardeins, of the churche, xx d. To
the Preacher, iij s. iiij d. To the Sexton, iiij d. and to the Beadle, of
the companie, iiij d. so the totall some of all the saide particulers
is ix s. viij d.
- Item** paide vnto the Butler, for his paynes, the laste quarter daie, beinge
also, thelection, of the newe maister, and wardeins iij s. iiij d.
- Item** paide for makinge of two, paire of slopps [for soldiers] xx d.
- Item** paide, for iij peece of lace, to garde them xvij d.
- Item** paide for vj yardes, of blewe clothe, servinge for the reste, of their
Breeches xiiij s.
- Item** paide for makinge, of two paire of breeches xvj d.
- Item** paide, for the five, Coatē makinge, at xvj d. the peece, vj s. viij d.
- Item** paide to m^r Grenewood, the Harrolde, at armes, for a newe addicon,
to be made, of the Armes, of the companie iiij li.
- Also**, we fynde, that the yearlie Annuytie, given by maister Catcher,
deceased, to five, poore men, of this companie, is dulie paide by
these Accomptantē, amountinge to xxx s.
- Moreover**, the younger, of these Accomptantē, craueth to be allowed, that
money, wherewith he standethe chargeth, to have receyued of the
wardemoote Inqueste, of Langeborne warde and as yet not come, to
his handes, amountinge to x s.
- Item**, he craueth to be allowed that money, w^{ch} he paide to thabove
named Nicholas Boddam, (over & above thordenarie allowaunce, of
the hawle) in that his wife, tooke greate payne, to white, & bleache,
the Naprie of the companie, w^{ch} was greatelie spotted, amountinge
to x s.

The "allowances" claimed by the younger Warden of this year in his accounts did not all commend themselves to the auditors. Vouchers for the sums in question were perhaps not produced, or the amounts may have been accidentally omitted from the account. The auditors reserved the decision to the Court, who in the following minute disallowed, for reasons not stated, the items of 10*s.* for the Wardmote Inquest and 10*s.* paid to the wife of Boddam the Beadle.

At a courte holden, on the sixte, daie of Maie, 1575, the matters in dispen-
 pence, aforesaide, was agreed, that all suche of thabovesaide perceſſe,
 as was noted on the margent, shoulde be allowed him, & the reste,
 to beare himselfe, and so that money, w^{ch} he paide oute, for the
 companie, and the saide allowaunce, furth^{wth} to be paide him, w^{ch}
 amounted to xij li. x d.

1574-5. **It** was ordered [5th August] that from hencefurthe, Roger Hawksforde, shall not make any moe wyne pottes, wherebie to sell, or vtter the same, of that molde, or fasshion, nowe at this presente daie, shewed, before the maister, Wardeins, and assistaunces, for that by their greate breadethe, in the mouthe, and shortenes, throughoute, there appeareth, a manifeste, deceite in measure, to all other the qweenes maiesties, subiectes, receyvinge wyne, by suche their saide curtalled, and vniuste measure.

It was ordered [13th December], that from hensfurthe, for evermore, none of the companie, shall caste any Mettall, into Strake, wherebye to vtter, or put them, to sale, before, and vntill suche tyme, as the workeman, or owner, thereof, hathe cawsed them, to be searched, and seene, as other wares vsuallie are, and over that, for their better, and true tryall of workemanshippe the owner, or Worker of suche strakes, to sette, and fixe vppon euerie Strake, so to be caste, his propper Marke, or ells, to forfacte, and paie, for euerie pounce weighte, wroughte or caste to the contrarie one penny.

Item receyued, of Richarde Parkins, for a fyne, in that he hired divers standinge, in Essex, w^{ch} were latelie Henerie Barrete deceased, & purposed therbie to thruste, the widowe his wife, from them, contrarie, to thorders, of the howse ij s.

- Item** receyued, of William Webbe, as for so much receyued, by him, in waie of bribrye, at a Straungers hande, at Southampton, whome not longe before, did caste, and falcely myxe, wth in the howse, of Agnes Hassell, the widdowe, a greate masse of Tynn, fashioned into Barrs, purposinge to transporte, the same, into the parte, of beyonde the seas, and he yet neuertheles, beinge putte in truste, & sent downe to viewe the same, moste vn honestlie disclosed, these Accomptant^e intent^e, to the Straunger, and wth thafore saide some of xl s., stopped his mouthe, wthout makinge eny relation, at his retourne, to these Accomptant^e, of the matter, commytted to him xls.
- Item** receyued of Nicholas Barnsdale, for a ffyne, aswell, for his often absence, from the hawle, beinge duly warned, as for other his contemptuous vsage, towardes, the wardeins, of the yomanrie iij s. iij d.
- Item** receyued, of John God, for his abuse, & greate radge, had and vsed, to Richarde Parke, his Jorneyman at an vndue howre, of the nighte vs.
- Item** receyued, of the same Richarde Parke, for his contemptuous vsadge, in strikinge, his saide maister, & for takinge further wages, of him, then by the lawes, of this realme, he oughte, to doo v s.
- Item** paide vnto the Beadle, that deade is, for his quarters wages, due at Michaelmas laste xx s.
- Item** paide vnto my Lorde Mayo^r, as for so much given him by consente, of the companie iij li.
- Item** given, by waie of remembraunce, to the three Barons, of the exchequer, sixe dozen of Trenchers, of fyne pewter, amountinge, to xxx s.
- Item** paide, to m^r Loton, as for so much, willed by the companies consente, to be paide, to the discharge, of suche rent, as poore Stephan Barrowe, oughte to Landlorde vj s. viij d.
- Item** paide, to m^r Sallowes, for a daie of ymparleaunce, at thend, of Easterterme, for Robt Collier, answere viij d.
- Item** paide, to the Clark, for engrosinge, into the Inventarye booke, of Edward Taylors, testamente xij d.
- We**, thincke it not reasonable, that these Accomptant^e, be allowed, that two Shillinge, w^{ch} they saie, was loste, by an Angell, taken of John God, & his man, by waie of ffyne ij s.

Nor, that any allowaunce, shalbe made them, for the some of xx s. w^{ch} they saie, was spent, by Thomas Hawke, and Roberte Newes, in Jorneyinge, to ypswitch, vnles, the companie thinck, of it otherwise, for to what ende, that Jorney was made, or of any proffyte, that came of it, we knowe nothings, as yet xx s.

1575-6. **T**he greateste parte of the lyverie this daie [9th February] presente, fullie agreed that the Qweenes Maties writte, of Quo Warranto, latelie directed to the Sheriffe of London, for the seisure of the liberties, of the companie, shoulde furthewthe, be agreed for, by some portion of money to be disbursed oute of the stocke of the howse and that by such easie meanes, as to the M^r & wardeins, shalbe thoughte meete, & conveniente.

More Henrye Langeshawe is founde fautye [27th June] for that he hathe made Certen Laie pott^e wth ffalce mettell And therevpon sholde haue byn Comitted to warde. Neverthelesse be Cause of his humble submyssion they haue ordered yf at anye tyme hereafter he be founde to do the like falcehoode agayne to be banished the Companye for e^u. And also shall new alter his tuche w^{ch} he now hathe To w^{ch} agremente he hathe put his hande.

Item receyued of Nicholas Jurdeine, for beinge discharged, of the maister-shippe, of the yomanrie iiij li.

Item receyued of Richarde Buñyng, for that he bought a Gobbet of mettall, of John Russell^e apprentice, named John Robert^e iiij s. iiij d.

In p^m paid vppon the thirde, daie of October, laste, at Abchurch, in full accomplishment, of m^r Ashlins, obbytt ix s. x d.

1576-7. **A**t the same Courte [25th January] it was ordred that Richarde Gall shall supplye the Roome of Raphe Carter our late Clarke Deceased.

At the same Co^rte [6th February] it was agreed that this hall shalbe Charged to paye the Churche for the Quartrige due and paieable to the pishe Churche of S^t Deonys Backechurche ffrome henceforth for e^u after and not the beadle to be Charged therewth but to be paid by the m^r and wardens frome tyme to tyme wthoute fraude or guile in anye wise.

Re also [27th February] of the same William Steven for lycence to open shop and for occupieinge an other mans touche iij s. iiij d.

Item it is agred at this Courte [20th June] that the Cooke and Butler shalbe paide there wages for servinge at the Quarters dinners at the Charges of this house And also that there shalbe xx s. yerelye allowed to the wardens for wood and Coles for the quarter dinners at the charges of this house And likewise that the wardens shalbe allowed towards euē Quarter dinner xx s. at the Charges of this house.

The Co^rte of beames and weightes was holden the xxjth Daie of October 1577.

Whereas Thomas waterson and xpofer Gennyns to the Discreditt and hinderaunce of this Companye haue vsed and Doe vse Comon skoweringe and other labors in the Lorde mayor the sheriffe and Aldermens houses w^hin the Cittie, It is ordered and agreed at this Courte for remedye and reformatiō thereof That yf anye parson or parsons free of this Companye shall at anye tyme hereafter set on worke the saide waterson and Jennyns or any other free of the pewterers w^{ch} shall vse comon skowringe in the Lorde maiors sheriffe or Aldermens houses of the cittie or shall buye or sell wth the saide waterson Jennyns or anye other pson w^{ch} shall vse Comon scowringe as aforesaide shall for euē tyme offendinge paye to thuse of the Comon Box of this companye ffortye shillings.

Item receyued the xvijth daie of September 1577 of John Catcher for a fyne awarded by my lord maio^r for that the same John Catcher vpon stomacke did refuse to take vpon him the yonger wardenship after he was orderly elected, as it doth more at large appere in the booke of orders v li.

Item these Accomptaunt^e require to haue allowed vnto them toward^e the firste two quarter dynners xx s.

Item they aske allowaunce for midsomer, and michelmas Quarter dynners according to an order late made by the Company xl s.

Item they aske allowaunce for the Cooke for midsonⁿ quarter by the said order vj s.

Item they demande allowaunce for the Cooke, ffor michelmas quarter being the election day according to the said order x s.

1577=8. & Note [19th February] of the Apparrell of Stephen Craske that was attached to thuse of the Companye and praysed by M^r Tyndall and M^r Carrington.

Imprimis a liverye Gowne iiijli

Item a mourninge Gowne and a hoode xxx s.

Item a liverye hodde iij s. iiij d.

Item a Cape of Clothe garded wth velvet and faced wth Taffata
xlvj s. viij d.

Item a Crippeñ of siluer and perle.

Item a hankerchif wroughte wth Crimsen silke.

Item a iacket of Satten ymbrodered.

It is ordered and agreed at this Courte [31st July] That whereas at the laste searche made by the m^r and wardens on the five and Twentieth daie of this pñte moneth of Auguste there weare founde xv Chopnettē of laye but onelye of fyne mettell vpon paine to forfeite the same And to paie suche fyne as the m^r wardens and Assistauntē shall Assesse for the same And also that the saide Humfrye Baker shall allowe vnto eūye of the saide pties the valew of there saide Chopnettē Taken at there shoppes.

The above entry is fully transcribed, but is obviously incomplete.

& Sessement made the . . . day of . . . 1578 And in the xxth yere of the raigne of oure souaigne Ladye Quene Elizabeth By the m^r wardens and assistauntē of this Companye by vertue of diverse pceptē directed to vs from the Lorde maior this pñte yere for the levieinge of Certen monye for the furnisheinge and trayninge vp of the number of xx^{tie} hable and sufficiente parsons beinge Jurnemen appñtices or others free of this Cittie beinge of Agilitie and honeste behauior betwene the age of xix^o and xl yeris w^{ch} are fitt to be trayned for harqubushe shotte and to be of the number of those ij shotte lymited to be trayned vp this yere in the Cittie of London for the s^uice of her mat^{ie} and the defence of this realme.

The expenditure on this levy as shown in the Accounts amounted to 29*l.* 3*s.* 7½*d.* Bromley, the Company's new Beadle, took an active part in preparing and furnishing the little contingent. Among the items is **Item** for ij yardes of rebonde [ribbon] for bromlye vj. d.

At this courte [13th October] there was presented a bill from my lorde mayo^r in the behalfe of Christofer Barker by the Coſaltye of the saide companye to procure the sale of Somanye bibles as the companye had nede of, and demaunde beinge made there was no mane founde willinge to buye anye.

This Bible was a reprint of the Genevan edition (first published in 1560) and usually known as the "Breeches Bible." Barker was the Queen's Printer.

At this Courte [24th November] Thomas Wansworthe for his disobedience and lewde wordes was dismissed of his hood and comāded that he sholde not com in no Companye wth the liverye before he be sente for, and scoffed the m^r and Assistaunt^e when they dismissed him of his hood he saide he sholde be the les warmed by it this wynter.

Item for a liverye gowne and a hoo^de iiij li.

The Livery gown taken from Craske (*see* above, 19th February) was "praysed" at 4*l*.

Re of the Spanishe marchaunt^e for there yeres rente for the vse of oure hall then dewe vj li.

Item paide the xxixth daie of Januarye 1577 for a dynner at the Harrowe x s. viij d.

Item paid to the Clarke of the Girdelors for a copie of their answer touching the wheat monye iiij d.

1578-9. At this courte [27th April] it is agreed by the wholle liverye That whereas it was agreed by the common Councell of the Cittie of London the present presented vnto Duke Casemerus the valew whereof sholde be gathered of the Companies of London vpon w^{ch} occasion there was from the mayor dated the xiiijth of Aprill 1579, a presepte sente vnto vs to Levye and gather amongst vs iiij^l presentlye to be paide to the Chamberlen of London w^{ch} some of monye at this genall court is agreed that it shalbe paide oute of the box of the house iiij li.

Prince Casimir, Count Palatine of the Rhine, who came on a visit to this country, was entertained by Sir Thomas Gresham at his house in Bishopsgate Street.

At this Courte [8th July] it was moved to the table whether they wolde take an augementacon of the liverye and xv^{tiē} psons gave there ballē that there sholde be vj or ette viij taken vnto the liverye and thre gave the ballē to the Contrarye.

At this Courte [28th August] it is ordered that whereas M^r Hawke arrested John ffraunce thappitice of m^r ffoster for a debte of xliij li of fyne mettell and xvj s. iiij d. in monye the matter beinge herde m^r Hawke was Contented to receive for euē pounce weighte of oulde fyne j li of New laye and for the xvj s. iiij d. xxxij li iij q^t of new laye.

Wheras xpōfer strange complaynede [3rd October] agaynst hys apprentyce Thomas hyxson for hys dysobedyence and vnduetyfulnes to hys m^r and m^{rs} and befor the court was so vnreverent and wold not reconsyle hym self to hys m^r refusing to sarve hym and to ask hym forgevenes for hys offences the court for hys ponyshment caused hym to be whyped in y^e hall.

At thys court [9th November] was presented abyll from my lord maior to make enquiry for certayne seditiouse bookes w^{ch} a pclamacyon pclaymed in september dyd tend vnto now thys secent publyfycation of the same the court geveth respet vnto the company vntyll the next mornyng to bryng in such bookes as thay had and the next mornyng ther was brought one w^{ch} was presently given to my lord maior.

Also at thys court [14th December] it is ordered that all the quartereges that Nicolas Roodes oweth aswell vnto the boxe of the lyvery as to the yeomandry shalbe forgiven hym and further hereafter to paye only quarteryge to the yeomādry.

Item ffor strawyng yerbes when the aldermen shuld haue come vnto the hall vj d.

Item payed vnto mr chamberlayne vppon a precept graunted from my lord maior and comon councayle apresent vnto duke Cassymero iiij li.

Item payed to mr Sadler the cooke for the whole yere xxij s. viij d.

Item payed to the to the butler for the whole yere iiij s. vj d.

1579-80. **Moroſer** the whole company [26th March] agreed and and graunted of ther fre wyll to paye to the mayntenaunce of the house vppon every blok of tynne they melt iiij d. and every yere to chuse

ij gathers of the sayed money and the sayed men shalbe countable to the audytors of the mrs accompt the w^{ch} graunt was agreed shuld be cept so long as ther shalbe agenerall agrement to cepe the pryce.

At thys courte [15th October] it is agreed that vppon consyderation that the L. maior of london cepeth no feast at the yeld hall and for that the stewardes are charged wth vj men the more w^{ch} shuld haue dyned at yeld hall it was ordered that the stewardes shuld haue xs more allowaunce: and no more hereafter to be allowed.

At thys court [13th December] widdow wood complayneth agaynst John bachouse for xxxiiij li of mettall and iij s. iiij d. money he oweth here w^{ch} amounteth all in money xxijs. w^{ch} some of money John bachouse and thomas pooler pmyseth to paye mr warden wood weakly the woorkmanshype of halfe agrose of spones at xd. the half grose vntyll such tyme it be wrought out and so long as John bachouse worketh wth thomas pooler thomas poler pmyseth to paye the debt.

Item recevede off mr gardner ffor sufferyng hys aprntic to occupy in the countre to hys owen vse and not freman of london . . . xx s.

Item R_e of xiiij men taken into the lyvery to be employed in napery to the house or other necessaryes at the mr & wardens dyscressyon xiiij li.

Item R_e of Rychard Wylkenson of frynsburry [for Quarterage] xij d.

Item payed ffor iij hoboyes [hautboyes] in the barge . . . ix s.

Item payed ffor a proclamation tuchyng bookes . . . iiij d.

Item payd ffor a pclamation for apparrell . . . vij d.

Item spent at the castell in cornwell [? Cornhill] one the vew daye of our landes . . . xij s. viij d.

Item payed vnto mr sadler the coke ffor dressyng the great dynnar and for bakying of custardes at hys house . . . xxiiij s. viij d.

Item paid vnto the coke ffor dressing the iij q^rter dynnars and the count [? Audit] dynnar . . . xxviij s.

Item ffor pryntyng of j C of statut bookes . . . xvj s. viij d.

Item ffor hemmyng and markyng of v dossen of napkynes . . . viij s.

Item more allowed mr hawkes for hys charge in shut lawe wth a french man . . . xl s.

1580-1. *At* this court [17th March] it is ordered that none of the companye shall make any close stole pannes to sell to any vpholstar or any other man but that every one of the sayed close stole pannes shall wayghe vli the pece and that the maker of the sayed panes shall brynge every one of them befor they put them to sale vnto the bedell of the hall to haue the mark of the hall set one them and if in case any stole pannes shall hereafter be found mad not marked wth the tuch of the house and of lese wayght then v ti the pece then the maker shall paye for every pane so found xij d.

This order for bringing goods to the Hall to be marked was contrary to the usual practice, and was perhaps especially made for this class of ware. The "touch" of the crowned rose could only be used by direct permission of the Company, and this may be what is meant by "the mark of the Hall."

A court held the xxviiith maye 1581. Wher as order was taken by the whole companye for dyvers consyderations that for every pece of tyne that any of the company shuld melt they shuld paye for the releffe of the company iiij d. vppon every pece mr John norton and mr Rychard kyng were appoynted receuers of the same money and at thys court they brought in ther whole yeres accoumpt and payed vnto mr warden xvj ti j s. iiij d. as may apere by the pertyculars wrytten in other booke of Recaiptes and paymentes Re xvj ti j s. iiij d.

Re of humfry weetwood a fyne for buying ij blockes of cornysh tynne wthout cloth [cloff] xx s.

Re of John god for a fyne melting a blocke of tyne in a plomers house ij s. vj d.

Re of dyvers yong men at a quarter daye for comynge to the hall in ther clokes vj s. ij d.

Itm spent at our dynnar at bartelmewe fayer at the shype in old baylye xv s. vij d.

Itm payed for a sygne of grygory alley and for the payntyng of it xj s. viij d.

Itm we [the Auditors] fynd the mr and wardens mr nogaye master mr Chawner & mr wood for brech of cartayne ordynaunces in ther tyme

the matter being put vnto vs to determyne we order that ech one of them shall paye or geue vnto the house xx s. a pece that is to saye thre poundes or the valew of thre poundes in any thyng as they shall thynke betwyxt thys and the fest St. John baptyst next comyng or els iij li of money.

The Company was called upon this year to furnish a contingent of eleven soldiers for service in Ireland, the expense amounting to 13*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*

1581-2. *At* this court [10th February] by the consent off the assystaunce the money in the red chest was geuen vnto mr warden catcher & vnto mr warden gascar to be employed and they bought xxij £ ij q^{ters} xxiiij † neat wayght of tyne at lvj s. the hundred and the sayed tynne was presently sold vnto mr thomas catcher at iiij s. in every hundred proffyt wheron the house was benefyed iij li x s. vj d.

Also at this court it is ordered that wheras ther was of dyvers money geuen at ther death of oure brethern to make mery wthall & also iij li w^{ch} mr nogay mr chawner & mr wood wer adiuged to paye ffor breach of ane ordynaunce in ther tyme mad. to spend, the w^{ch} monyes the company thought good to make a shrovyng dynnar in pewterers hall and ther was farther graunted out off the house boxe x s. x s.

At this court [15th March] it is ordered that none off the company shall lyd any stone pottes to any man except he be a brother off the companye better cheape then ij s. the dossen and he that lyddeth better cheape shall paye iij s. iij d. vnto the house for every dossen & the garnysh pottes at v s. the dossen.

Also at this court [12th November] it was graunted vnto herman Johnson beinge a brother of the company he doinge his dewty and sarvyng vs well & resonable to serve vs a barge at the maiors takynge his oweth, and because this yere he had mad provysion and the lord maior toke not his othe at westmⁿster the court gaue hym a reward for his charge & paynes x s.

The Lord Mayor of this year was Sir Thomas Blanke, a member of the Haberdashers' Company.

At court beinge quarter daye held the vth of december 1582 It was ordered that none of the companye shuld put to make any spones but vnto a brother of the company and all the spone makers promysed in open court to worke a grose of spones for xx d. the grose.

Item payed also graunted at acourt vnto mr fene Rychard kyng george Roaffe & william allet mr & w^rdens of the yeomandry to paye the coke for his work at ther yeomandries dynnar . . . xxvj s. viij d.

1582-3. **At** this court [12th April] it is agreed that none of the companye shall take any one to be his aprentys except he take the saide aprentys for the terme of ix yeres and he that doth contrary shall paye vnto the house xli this order is at the discretion of the m^r and wardens.

This order was modified at a Court held on 17th October as follows, "it is referred to the Master and Wardens and assystance to mytigat one yere of the aprentys accordyng as thay finde in yeaes the prentys presented."

At this courte [11th June] ther was a comaundement from my L. Maior that the court of assistaunge should nomynat two of the discretest men of the companye and to present ther names presently before my Lord Maior to be assystant wth others of other companyes tuchinge the sut betwen sir xpofer hatton and the cytty of london and the saied court did agre that Mr Curtys and M^r Catcher shuld be presented.

At a Courte held the xijth of December 1583. At this court it is thought good to chuse xij men that is of the assystaunce iiij of the clothynge and iiij of the yomandry to syt and determyne as well of pryces of ware as also any other matter w^{ch} they shall find necessary and Good for the company m^r Bowltynge M^r Jacson m^r Wood m^r Thomas Catcher Richard parkyns Baptist Hassell Thomas Elliot Robert Nyxon Ambrose Royston James Draper Nicolas Collyar Thomas Cowes.

Receued of dawrytye [Dorothy] bale for a whole yeres rent dew at Mydsomer last past xix s. viij d.

Item geven vnto mr Recorder for his newers [? New Years] guyft ij dossen of trenchers & iiij payer of candelstykes w^{ch} cost . . . xvij s. vj d.

Charges in shut [suit] in lawe agaynst Anthony delyshey layed out by mr w^{den} maier M^r Catcher, and m^r gascar.

These proceedings were taken against a pewterer at Hertford, who appears to have challenged the Company's authority. The bill of costs reached the large sum of 56*l.* 4*s.* During the year the Company also spent 17*l.* 8*s.* in law charges in defending themselves against the writ of Quo Warranto. See the resolution agreed to at a meeting of the Livery on 9th February, 1575 (page 282).

1583-4. **At** this court [21st February] it is ordered that Baptyst Hassell shall paye vnto Nicolas Colliar xix d. the povnd for 1^c₃-0 of tyne glasse and so all matters tuchynge that bargayne to be quyt and discharged.

At this court [27th March] Nicholas Colliar complayneth agaynst Baptyst Hassell for buying and saying [assaying] of tyne for strangers to the number of one hundred peces of M^r Hoskyns at Butolwharfe.

At this court comandement was geuen vnto Roger Hawkesford not to take Richard Evans gryffet being both a marryd man and a landloper Jured and the sayed Roger Hawkesford was content to part from hime And farther if the sayed Richard Evans gryffet do obtayne to be a freman of London then the court doth agre to accept hime a brother paying iij^{li} vj s. viij d. and so Roger Hawkesford hath lycense to geue hime houserome betwyxt ths and Easter.

All the whole boddy of the company at this quarter daye [18th June] requested the M^r and Wardens and assystance to make ane ordynaunce for thos as shall hereafter crave lycense to set vp as thay shall best thinke Good.

At this court wheras a collection for the releffe of Nantwyche and that ther was gathered of the company the some of vj^{li} of the w^{ch} money ther was geuen to the releaffe of Nantwyche iij^{li} vj s. viij d. and farther ordered to geve vnto the yeomandryes boxe xx s. and xs. to be geuen vnto Thomas ffreman a poore brother of ours to William Bromley to paye the surgyon towards healyng his lege x s. to M^r Gerye x s. and to the clarke for his paynes in gatheryng of it iij s. vj d.

At this [31st July] William Clarke late the aprentys of William Anderson is set over vnto Richard Charter and payed ijs. The court agreeth that yf euer faut be found wth W^m Clarke hauyng twyse byne set over to be well whypped.

Re of Richard Randall [22nd September] for a fyne for ceping a forstallyng stall added to his shope at Bartellmew fayre the som of iij s. iiij d.

At this court [23rd October] Moryce Pellytorye somtymes aprentys of Roger Hawkesford but came to his fredome by redemption specyally at the sute of Sr Rowland Hayward and vppon consideration that we haue accepted the sayed Moryce he wth his M^r Roger Hawkesford haue promised before Bartelmewtyde next to make afayre pompe in the hallyard as well for the kytchyne as for the yard substantiall to the prescrytion of M^r Warden Catcher and any one other of the company as M^r warden will take counsayle of ther vppon he is admitted a brother.

At this court [11th November] Comaundement was geven by my Lord Maior that ther should be xxty appoynted w^{ch} should wth decent aparrell to goe met the Quenes Magesty and that every one should haue ther sarvant attendyng vppon them wth a staff torche the charge of y^e sayed staff torche this court doth agre the house shall bear the charge therof.

At this court it is ordered the court beyng a full court being x besydes the M^r and Wardens that yf any brother of the company as well of the assystance as other wayes beyng lawfully warned by the Bedell in the M^r and Wardens name to apeare at any court or in any other place to apeare to any sarvice of the company and the p^{ar}tye so warned do absent hime selfe without any lawfull excuese that then the sayed partye shall pay a fyne to the house xij d.

At this court [27th November] wheras Morys Pellytory was admytted vnto the fredom by Redemption at the especyall sute of Sr Rowland Hayward and vppon consideration to be admitted a brother amongst vs at a court held the xxiiijth of October last the sayed Morrys agreed to make a pompe of his owen charge in the hall yard and therfore admytted a brother wher vppon the sayed Morrys fyndyng the pousse to be made wold turne hime to great charges he brought vnto the court

a letter from S^r Rowland Hayward wherin he requested the court for his sake to take fyve markes to be payed by xij s. iiij d. the yere whose request the court hath granted for the performance of the same as well Roger Hawkesford and Morrys Pellytorye haue set to ther handes and the first payment to be payed at crystmas next.

Re of John hyll for a fyne for his being absent in the countrey xij yerres
& now receued a brother agayne xiiij s.

Item payed vnto a trompetter sarvyng the barge j s.

Item we ask allowaunce payed vnto mr Curtys accordyng to ane ordynauce mad havyng sondry tymes sarved mr of the companye the some of v li.

W^h whereas the booke is charged mr curtys to haue R^e the some of fyve poundes accordynge to ane order made for his sarvyce of the mrshype, mr Curtys retorned vnto his successors of the sayed money the some off xliij s.

1584-5. *These* xvj men [chosen to serve the Queen as "trayned soldyars"] payed wages [17th April] vnto xvj others pewteres which sarved in their places xij d. a day meat and drinke Ther sarved for Andrew Bowyar John Johnson his aprentys

ffor Robert Nixon	Thomas Sharpe
ffor Richard Ethell	Thomas Downe his sarvant
ffor Nicolas Turnar	William Clarke
ffor John Shawe	John Bourman
ffor Thomas Gaye	John till
ffor Humfry Kinge	John Powell
ffor Nicolas Colliar	Peter Vincent
ffor Thomas Eliot somtymes hime selfe (& somtymes his	
ffor Richard Glover	his aprentys [sarvant)
ffor James Draper	his aprentys
ffor Ambrose Royston	his aprentys
ffor Lewes Randall	George Care
ffor Thomas Cowes	William Dickenson
ffor Robert Sheppard	James Hunters man
ffor Thomas Woodhouse	his aprentys

At this court [29th July] ther was presented from my Lord Maior accoppie of Ire dyrected from the counsayle to my Lord Maior the effect wherof was that my L Mayor should perswayd all his bretheren the aldermen to bring in ther adventur to the lotterye and also to perswad the Masters and wardens of all companyes to procure ther bretheren of ther companye to bryng in ther venturs also to the lottery wher vppon the yeomandry at the shew of the same comyssyon gaue ther consentes to pay xij d. the pece.

At this court [13th August] it is ordered that the election day shalbe cept the monday after bartelmew day [24th August] and that all the clothyng shall goe orderly to church to the sermant and that thay and ther wyues shall dyne at the hall and that thay shall paye man and wyffe iij s. iiij d. the pece and the house shall pay vnto the M^r and Wardens towards charges xl s. and farther the court is contented that the next day after the M^r and Wardens shall cepe ther quarter dynnar and that thay shall haue allowed them xx s. out of the house as hath byne accustomed at all quarters dayes and vj d. a pece for Wine and it is ordered that yf any of the clothyng be absent yet not wthstandyng thay shall pay ther iij s. iiij d.

At this court [15th October] it is ordered by the consent of the whole company that hereafter when ther shalbe any brother of the companye maryed that the party w^{ch} shalbe married shall goe with the beddell at a convenient time throught the company and gather the good will of the yeomandry and he or they w^{ch} thay fynd not at ther houses to be warned to the hall the sayed sonday after before eyght of the cloke in the mornyng to bryng in ther offeryng and he that maketh default shall pay to the pore of the Company iij d. wthout any favor we meane to the yeomandryes boxe.

At this court [31st December] it is agreed that the house shall purchase the conseled landes conseved of Sr xpofer Hatton at or after fyve yeares purchase and not to geue any more.

The property in question was the Company's houses in Fenchurch Street. Compare the minute of 11th June, 1583 (p. 290), and *see* the Accounts for 1587-8 (p. 301).

Be off Andrew boyer w^{ch} he wyllyngly gaue to haue a aprentys aboue
number iiij li.

Be off Rychard glover ffor havynge a prentis aboue his number liij s. iiij d.

Be off nicholas Collyar ffor havynge ane aprentys above his number xxx s.

Item payed for xx^{ty} staf torges when we attended on her magesty xviijs. iiij d.

Item payed ffor xxvj els di of canvas at v s. the elle for xxvij els of holland
at ij s. viij d. the ele and xxvij eles of holland at ij s. viij d. the ele
amounteth all xiiij li. xvj s. vj d.

Item for workmanshype of the same into iiij table clothes ij longe towels
& vj dossen of napkyns xxij s.

Item ffor iiij pykes xiiij s. iiij d.

Item ffor moccadowe nayels & frynge to arme the sayed pykes . ij s. ix d.

The above two items are included in the **Charges** ffor musterynge
of xvj soldyars.

So we fynde in reddy money all thynges deducted xxxv li. iiij s. iiij d.
the w^{ch} some of xxxv li. iiij s. iiij d. was employed into tynne & the
tynne sold vnto mr thomas catcher & to walter hyll for xxxvij li. iiij s. iiij d.
to be payed at St James daye next comynge.

Item geven in charyty to the wyffe off guilbart mason in his being in
flaunders vj s. viij d. [Yeomanry Accounts, 1585-7.]

1585-6. **At** this Court [12th September] ther came a letter from
Sr Water Rawleyghe in the behalfe of Isaake Tucker who desireth to be a
brother of the Company marryinge M^{rs} scryvoner. It was agreed the
sayed Isaake Tucker shall pay to the Companye for his comynge to be a
brother amongst vs the some of xxli of lawfull money of England or
els not to be admytted any farther.

At this court [7th October] Morrys Pellitory was Jugged to paye
to the house a fyne for Arestyng Thomas Gaye to the court of consience
contrary to the ordynance of the house the some of v s. the w^{ch} money he
promyseth to pay before Cristmas next.

At this court [15th December] ther was receved from Sr water Rawghley a second letter to be good vnto his sarvant Isaake Tucker the court vppon consideration of his lettar is contented to receve hime a brother paying xli reddey money or els not.

Ifm payed for the charges in setting out of halfe a man for our partes & the Inholders the other half our charge came to . xxxjs. viij d.

1586-7. At this court [20th January] Isaake Tucker at the earnyst sute of S^r water Rawghley was receved into the fellowship and company of vs the pewterers and was sworne and mad fre and also at the yeld haule the same daye vppon the consideration therof he payed vnto the house x li. of good and lawfull money of England this is to be noted that the court dyd myttygat his fyne at the sute of S^r water Rawghly his master or els he had payed accordyng to the fyrst determynation of a court held the xth of december last xx li.

At this court [10th May] the controversye was hard betwyxt James Mathers and Lawrence wryght and the court fyndeth Lawrence wryght to owe vnto James x.s. in money and comaundement was geven vnto James to restore to his Master the godderd mold a chapnet mold and a care mold for the Godderd and xiiij li. lacke a quarter of Mettall and a payre of shettes so far forth as Lawrence wryght doth proue that he had a payre lent hime by his dawghter the next quarter daye L wryghtes dawghter confessest that she lent hime a payre of shetes of her fathers.

At this court [14th June] it is determyned that all the makers of lattyn sponnes in London shalbe warned the next court day and that thay shalbe bound to make no more sponnes.

See the order of 23rd September, 1568, p. 259.

At this court [4th August] comaundement was geven vnto the spovnmakers accordyng to ane ordynance hertofore made that yf any spone maker doth make any short lattyn spounes or of yallow mettall shall forfayt for every spone iij s. iiij d. as may appeare by the former order vpon w^{ch} comaundement the spounmakers promysed to be obedyent to the same or els to be fyned whervppon they haue set to ther handes.

At this court [25th September] beyng the court day it is ordered that wheras hertofore ther hath byne an order mad that he y^t should be

chosen M^r of the companye after that he hath servyd the mastershippe too tymes of his owen charges that then allwayes after when he should be chosen Master the house should Allowe the sayed Master fyve poundes towardes his charges. At this court that order is vtterly mad frustrat and now wth consent of the whole companye it is ordered that allwayes where any one haue sarvid the mastershippe too tymes of his owen charges that then in case the sayed Master w^{ch} hath sarved the mastershippe twyse of his owen charges alwayes after when he shalbe called to mastershippe agayne then the house shall beare allwayes the charges w^{ch} cometh to the masters part of y^e election dynner.

At a court held the xxiiijth of October 1587 Wheras frome the xxvth of september in Año 1573 as also frome the xvth of february in the same yere 1573 the chamber of London by ther ij severall bylles haue byne endebted vnto vs the some of lxxviiij ti xv s. and vj d. of lawfull money of England for so much money lent them to be employed in corne to the vse of the comynalty of the cytty of london at this present the chamber doth call in our bylles and doth paye vnto vs in consideratyon of them both by the handes of Mr. Hewgh offeley of London Letherseller the some of xxxixth ti vijs. vj afermyng to vs y^t M^r wylford M^r chauntaylor and M^r squyer Crouner of London haue sertayne bylles of dyvers to sue in law men w^{ch} ar endebted to the chamber of London for part of the sayed money beyng payed to them by way of bargayne for corne who when the sayed M^r wylford and M^r squyer haue recovered we shall receue farther accordyng to the exportion of our debt wher vppon vnderneath is the copy of thos ij bylles dd by the comaundement of my Lord Maior at the R^e, 39 ti 7 s. 6 d.

The xvth day of february 1573.

I George Heton Chamberlayne of the cytty of London doe owe vnto the wardens of the pewterers of the same cyttie the some of fyfty syxe poundes fyve shyllynges dysbursed by them by the way of lone to the handes of me the sayed Chamberlyne accordyng to the order of the L. Mayor and the court to be bestowed vppon wheat and Rye for the vse of the Cyttie and comynalty of the same witnes thys byll subscribed by me thervnto set to the seale of my offyce of the chamber the day and yere aboue sayed By me George Heton Chamberlyne.

The lyke wordes was dyrected in a byll dated the xxvth of september 1573 for xxij li x s. and also payed to the chamber w^{ch} amounteth to the some of 78 li 15 s. 0 d.

I^{tem} we charge our selves w^t ij oblygations wherin John deane & John Shawe wth ther shuertyes stand bound vnto the company for l^{vy} poundes w^{ch} mone m^r whit gaue to be lent vnto ij yonge men of our company 1 li.

I^{tem} we charge our selves wth thre bonndes wherin william Atmeyer John crose and nicolas cooke wth ther shuertyes stand bound to the company for xx li w^{ch} came from the successors of m^r lotton to be lent to yonge men of our company xx li.

R^e of John Clyffe for his admyttaunce to be one of our companye who changed his coppye from the drapers xx li.

R^e more proffyted by 22 C 2 q^{ters} of tynne at iiij s. a hundred proffyt the some of iiij l. xs.

I^{tem} payed vnto w^m bromley graunted hyme at a court off Assystaunce to make hyme a gowne to wayght one m^r sheryff this yere xl s.

M^o ther is in the Red chest xx s. in gold off the guyft off m^r John Clyffe to be employed vppon some necessary thyng apertaynyng to the house, he payed it when he was taken into the Livery.

Clyffe's name appears as one of the four auditors of this year's accounts, although he had only been admitted a liveryman of the Company a few months before.

1587-8. **A^t** this court [8th March] steven Medcalfe sergant trumpeter the sone of Edward Medcalfe was sworne and mad fre [by his father's coppye] and he payed accordyng to order ij s. vj d.

A^t this court [11th July] mr Anthonye wysshame esquyere was sworne a brother of our companye & was mad freman of the cytty of london.

A^{lso} mr thomas holford gentelman was sworne a brother of the company and mad freman.

A^t this court [21st September] it was graunted vnto mr thomas Allen to haue the cepynge & the benyft of the bowlynge Alley

Inconsyderation therof mr Allen was contented & pmysed in court to torne or cause to be turned at his charge the corne so often as ther shalbe [need].

The corn here mentioned was the store kept by the Company for public use, which required turning from time to time to keep it in good condition.

Also [14th October] James Mathers havynge byne ffound to haue mad Joyntes to his stone pottes of lea mettall he was Imprysoned ffor his falshood but also payed a fyne vnto the house iij s. iij d.

At this court [1st November] it is ordered betwyxt mr wood and John bowyar that he shall worke vnto mr wood ij grose of sponnes aweeke at xvij d. the grose vntyll such tyme all his debt be wrought out and yf in case he fayleth then mr wood to be at his lyberty.

Also at this court [15th November] ther was brought ffrō my L. Maior a precept that all the lyvery in ther best lyveres shuld in ther standyng stand wth all other companyes to receue here maiestye who pretended & dyd come vnto pawles to here a sermon & to prase god for all hys mercyes & benyfyttes bestowed vppon her & the land.

This was the national thanksgiving service at St. Paul's for the great victory over the Spanish Armada.

Also it was agreed [12th December] that the money that was spent at the taverne the daye the quene came to pawles shuld be payed out of the house stocke & ther was spent iij li iij s.

Be off mr heugh offeley in part of payment of too bylles wherin the chamber of london stod debter vnto vs lxxv li viij s. iij d. w^{ch} was lent for the provision of corne accordyng to my lord maior presept the some of xxxix li viij s. vj d.

Be off mr. Anthony wysham esquier mad by redemption ij s. vj d.

This is the first instance of the use of the term "redemption" to denote the admission of a new member otherwise than by patrimony or apprenticeship.

Be off dyvers off the yeomandry as by ther ptycular names entred at the end of this booke towards payment of fyfty poundes geven vnto mr John Catcher sheryff & alderman towards the repayryng of his howse ix li. xij s. iij d.

The entries, above specified, at the end of the Audit Book No. 30, 1572-1663, are as follows:—

A not of such charges the companye Clothyng & yeomandry & also the house was at wth M^r John Catcher chosen sheryffe of london in Anno Domine 1587 & in Anno 1588 the xxixth & therteth yere off the Raygne of quene Elyzabeth by the grace of god quene of Ingland ffrauce &c.

Imprymys ther was geven by the house & by cartayne off the yeomandry hervnder wrytten towards the repayrynge of his house the some of L^{li} I saye fyffety pound of the w^{ch} the house gaue xl^{ty} poundes & the yeomandry gaue xli.

Moreover the clothyng w^{ch} attended vppon & dyned wth hym spent as hervnder wrytten by ther partycular apereth.

M^r strage M^r of the company at that present dyned & gaue M^r sheryffe vli

Then follow 40 names of the Clothing who “dyned and gaue” sums varying from 10s. to 50s., three of the Clothing “w^{ch} wold not dyne” but gave small sums, and “The yeomandryes guyft” which consisted of 47 amounts of 10s. and under.

Re more off John browne for a fyne of obprobryous wordes agaynst mr Jacson ij s. vj d.

Re more off John browne a fyne of dysobedyence & being xlth dayes wthout reconsylment iiij s. iiij d.

Ifm payed ffor a subsedy for the hall xxxix s.

This and two later entries are marked in the margin with a pointing hand. They refer to the Company's contribution to the City's assessment for the defence of the Kingdom against the invasion by the Spanish Armada.

Ifm payed vnto the wardens off the clothworkers for ane half part offe a barge hyer when mr sheryffe toke his othe at westminster
xxxix s. iiij d.

Ifm payed for a subsedy of the hall xxxiiij s.

Item payed to mr sheryffe [sheriff's] butler for carryng of plat to yeld hall xvj d.

Item spent ij qr^{tes} of wyne bargaynyng for the galary xij d.

This gallery was an addition now being made to the Hall.

Item payed ffor a subsedy & for soldyars coates xlvij s. ix d.

Item more as maye apere by abyll of other charges about the house
xiiij s. iij d.

Item payed to mr hill a counsayllor for takyng paynes for vs tuchyng ane information w^{ch} was presented vnto hyme that our ij tenements in fāchurch streat shuld be conseled landes xx s.

Buildeynge off the gallary & off other Reperations.

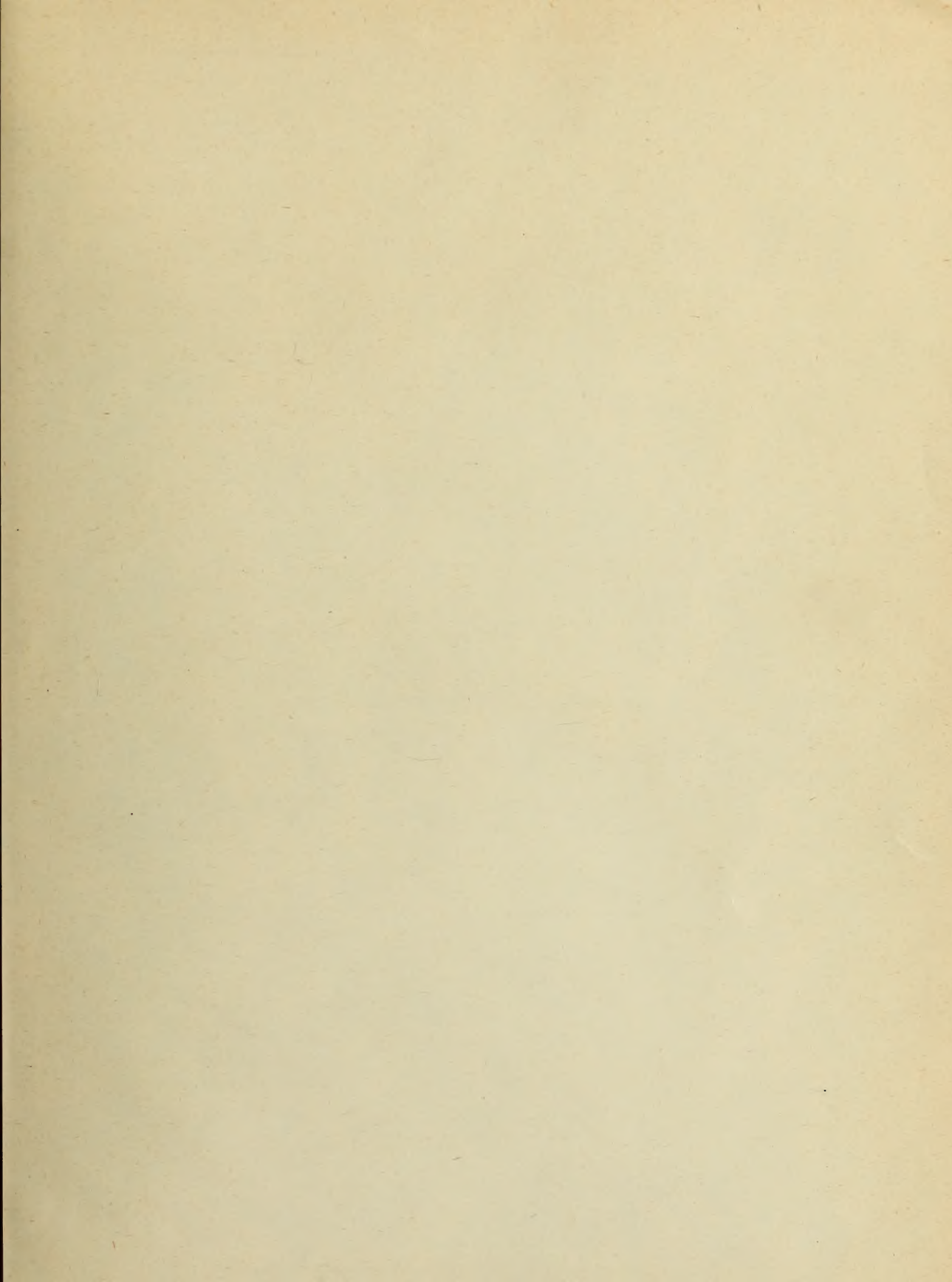
Imprymys bargayned wth mr John Catcher Alderman that for & in consyderation off xx^{ty} poundes of money 'payed & Also ffor a lease in Reversion off our tenement scytuat & beinge at london stone in canwecke street nowe in the possession of John prentis, off xxv yeres after the expyerynge of ane old lease hertofore graunted vnto one Rychard mannyng the w^{ch} lease beinge sealed & delyvered vnto mr John Catcher Alderman he dyd off his owen propper charges did erect & buyld the sayed garnet or gallerey contentyng the carpenter, tyler, plumer for all stuffe & workmanshipe And also payed & contented the mason ffor his frestone & workmanshipe of xij C foot & od I saye payed xx li.

Item payed ffor xiiij load of sope ashes ij s. iij d.

Item for fyve load of fownders yerth viij s. x d.

Item we ask allowaunce ffor our iij quarters & for xx s. graunted extraordinaryly for one dynnar when mr sheryffe dyned wth vs v li.





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